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BREMER KIDNAPPING**

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# Hunt Sankey Here in Bremer Case

U. S. Agents Under Purvis  
Look for Notorious Kid-  
naper in Chicago.

## RANSOM MIXUP SEEN

### BULLETIN.

Verne Sankey, known as the "King of the Kidnapers," was being sought in Chicago today by operatives working under instructions of Melvin H. Purvis, chief of the division of investigation of the federal department of justice here.

Sankey has been a fugitive for more than two years. He is wanted in connection with the Boettcher kidnaping in Denver and several abductions in St. Paul, including the recent seizure of Edward G. Bremer, wealthy young banker.

St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 24.—(UP)—An attempted delivery of \$300,000 ransom for the release of Edward Bremer, kidnaped banker, was believed to have failed today when two sedans, surmised to have contained members of the abduction gang, followed the wrong car. Bremer was thought to have been in one of the sedans.

The kidnapers were believed to have been in two automobiles which bottled up the car driven by Harry Bachman, St. Paul business man, near Hinckley, Minn., last night.

Bachman's automobile was trapped between two sedans on state highway No. 1, near where a ransom of \$100,000 was paid to the kidnapers as William Hamm Jr., last year.

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MR. LESTER....  
MR. LOCKE....  
MR. MORRIS....

Several Shots Fired—  
The two mysteriously acting automobiles were jockeyed back and forth alongside Bachman's car. After fifteen minutes one of the sedans edged Bachman toward the side of the road and several shots were fired in the air.

While Bachman remained at the wheel, the two automobile loads of men surveyed him carefully and then, apparently satisfied that he was not the person they sought, turned about and drove back toward St. Paul.

Bachman said that he saw a bundled object in the back seat of one of the sedans. It resembled a mass of blankets. He drove on to Duluth and then notified federal authorities and the St. Paul police. Investigators were sent to the northern city to interview Bachman.

### Mistake Seen by Police.

The police opinion was that the kidnapers followed Bachman all the way from St. Paul in the belief that he was a representative of the Bremer family designated to deliver the ransom. Bachman owns a large automobile similar to Bremer's car.

Activities at the Bremer family mansion during yesterday and last night indicated that young Bremer's safe release was expected hourly. Relatives of the kidnaped man were busy making secret trips about the city.

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# REPORT BREMER- KIDNAPERS ASK CASH ON PHONE

**\$200,000 Ransom Is  
Believed on Way.**

[Chicago Tribune Press Service.]

St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 23.—[Special.]

—Still missing, with no clues to his whereabouts after seven days of captivity, Edward G. Bremer, 27 year old banker, was believed tonight to be nearer release than at any time since last Wednesday morning, when he was kidnaped for \$200,000 ransom.

His distraught family, persistently refusing to cooperate with the police, was said to have established a pay-off contact with the abductors and to have been assured he would be returned either late today or tomorrow. The reputed go-between is Dr. B. T. Nippert, the Bremers' physician, into whose home a medicine bottle supposedly containing a note was hurled last Saturday. A contact by telephone today is reported.

Dr. Nippert strenuously denies that he has been chosen as contact man and the family supports him in the denial. Adolph Bremer, the kidnap victim's father, today reiterated to this writer his assertion that he had no communication with the abductors and begged not to be quoted in an interview. Like the remainder of the family, he seems to have succumbed to a fear psychosis.

**Wants His "Boy Back."**

"All I want is my boy back," he said. "Nothing else matters."

"But don't you want the gangsters punished?" he was asked.

"I'm not talking about that now," he replied. "Time enough for the law when Eddie is found. If the police bother us we may never see him again."

Despite his attitude, the department of justice has gone into action on a scale unprecedented since the Urachel

case. More than 250 agents have been mobilized here under the direction of Harold Nathan, field chief who helped solve the Mary McElroy, August Ticer, and John (Jake the Barber) Factor cases, as well as that of Urachel.

Adolph Bremer, personal friend of President Roosevelt, received direct word from the White House, it was learned today, that all the resources of the government would be invoked to apprehend his son's kidnapers. He didn't want Uncle Sam's aid, but he couldn't help himself.

**U. S. Takes Over Case.**

The federal agents have taken over the situation, lock, stock, and barrel, ignoring the police of both Twin Cities. They have established headquarters at Minneapolis, raiding many resorts and questioning scores of underworld characters. Nathan, as usual, won't talk for publication. Always courteous, he blandly dismisses newspaper men with remarks about

the weather and the state of the skiing sport in Minnesota.

Out of the welter of rumors and facts definitely have emerged. Outstanding among these is the family's changed point of view within the last two days. Where before the atmosphere around the Bremer home was indicative of melancholy and uncertainty, today it was charged with hope. Close friends made mysterious visits and then dashed away to unannounced destinations. The car from which Bremer was kidnaped, a blue Lincoln with yellow wire wheels, stood in the garage, the doors of which remained open, ready for instant use.

**Believe Kidnapers Fear Trap.**

Department of justice men ascribe the delay in ransom negotiations to the kidnapers' fear of a trap due to activities of the police and their presence around the Bremer home. They now have been called off, as was done in the Lindbergh case, and the family has been left unhampered to establish its contacts.

A few of the federal agents incline to the theory that Bremer may be dead, citing the bloodstains found on the seat upholstery of his car. These express the opinion that if he isn't back within another 24 hours the family will never see him again.

The most insistent, though unverified, report tonight is that the ransom will be paid over and that Bremer will be home by tomorrow morning. A special newspaper watch is being maintained at his home to follow developments, as the local police are without any information—at least in so far as the press is concerned.

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## Fears Layed as Text of Original Note Reveals Banker Not Threatened with Death

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**TEXT OF NOTE**

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## NEW NOTE REPORTED.

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## Bremer Alive, Release Near, St. Paul Thinks

Magee's Assertion Kidnap-  
ers Threatened to Kill  
Banker Is Called False

Ransoming ~~Liberty~~ Today  
Friends Sure Victim Will  
Be Home in 24 Hours

By The Associated Press

ST. PAUL, Jan. 23.—Officials' fear over the fate of Edward G. Bremer, held by kidnapers nearly a week, was allayed tonight by revelation that he had not been threatened with death. As the time set by intimate friends for the release of the captive banker in \$200,000 ransom drew near—their predictions are that he will be freed within twenty-four hours—sources believed reliable disclosed that the original kidnap note contained only a warning, not a threat.

"You better pay off first and let them (meaning the police) do their detecting later. You better not cross us," was the version they gave of the contents of the note which was found by Walter Magee, wealthy friend of the Bremer family, soon after the thirty-seven-year-old bank president was seized last Wednesday.

Magee previously had said the gang had threatened young Bremer with death if police should be called in or the newspapers be informed.

### \$5 and \$10 Bills Demanded

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### Bremer Home Heavily Guarded

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Mrs. Bremer, wife of the missing man, was variously reported as near collapse and as standing up well under the ordeal.

**London**—

**Lindbergh To Be Asked  
To Kidnap Bil' Hearing**  
**WASHINGTON**  
Colonel

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26 (UP)—Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh and members of other families in which kidnappings have occurred, will be asked to testify at a House committee hearing on a bill calling for execution by a firing squad of kidnappers who kill their victims, Representative J. Euell Snyder, Democrat, Pennsylvania, said today. Snyder said he had been promoted hearings on his measure by Hutton W. Sumners, chairman of the House Judiciary Committee.

"My bill is especially timely right now, and will receive large support," said Snyder, discussing the kidnapping of Edward G. Bremer, of St. Paul.

The "firing squad" bill would "scare kidnappers from killing their victims," Snyder said. Under it kidnappers who do not return their victims before being sentenced would be killed by a firing squad of "twelve United States Army enlisted men, seventy-two hours after being sentenced."

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# FRIENDS PREDICT FREEING OF BREMER

11/17/35  
Set Time Within 24 Hours as  
Another Kidnappers' Note  
Is Reported Received.

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DEATH NOT THREATENED

Original Missive Contained Only  
Warning of Secrecy—Named  
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A report which could not be verified became current late tonight that the ransom money had been secretly dispatched out of St. Paul through an unidentified intermediary.

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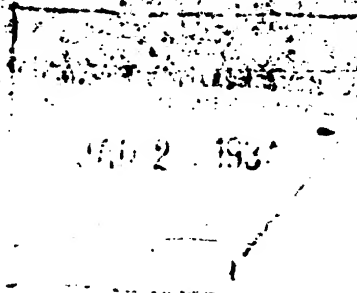
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# NO DEATH THREAT IN BREMER CASE

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## HUNT FOR BREMER TURNS TO CHICAGO

City and Federal Officers  
Seek Sankey—Family  
Objects to Search.

By the Associated Press.  
CHICAGO, January 24.—The search for the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, wealthy St. Paul banker, was believed to have turned to Chicago today when several detective squads were ordered to assist Federal Secret Service agents in guarding railroad stations.

They were on watch for two widely-known kidnapers, supposedly on their way here from St. Paul.

The men sought were reported to be Verne Sankey, 42, and Gordon Alcorn. They were indicted by a Federal grand jury at Denver March 29, 1933, for the kidnaping of Charles Boettcher, 2d, wealthy Denver resident, but never were apprehended.

Although police refused to discuss the case, it was learned squads under the command of Chief of Detectives William Shoemaker were detailed to the La Salle Street, Union, Northwestern and Schiller Park stations, with instructions to assist Federal agents whom they would meet there.

The detectives were ordered to "keep out of the limelight," and pay special attention to telephone booths.

Sankey was described as 5 feet 7½ inches tall, about 170 pounds in weight, and heavy set. Alcorn was said to be 5 feet tall and to weight about 170 pounds.

The Chicago police were said to have received information several weeks ago that the two men, accompanied by a woman, were seen riding in a small coupe here. A search was started and the men were reported to have fled to St. Paul. The Bremer-kidnaping occurred there a week ago.

Police also were watching bowling alleys here on the hunch that Sankey, an expert bowler, might attempt to indulge in his favorite sport.

### CLOSES PROVE FUTILE

Family Merely Knows That Bremer Still Is Missing.

ST. PAUL, January 24 (P).—Edward G. Bremer was still a prisoner of an unidentified gang that held him captive today at an unlocated hideout.

That was the one salient fact gleaming through the murk of erroneous rumors that the 37-year-old son of Adolph Bremer had been slain and found dead, and that he had been freed, unharmed, after payment of \$200,000 ransom.

Out of the myriad of statements, contradictions and "guesses" were two persistent reports.

One was the forecast of close friends of the family that the banker would be freed soon. The other was a report that the elder Bremer had received a second note from the gang conveying instructions for paying the ransom.

But Bremer, the principal owner of the Jacob Schmidt Brewing Co. and a personal friend of President Roosevelt, insisted no further contact with the gang had been made since Walter Magee had found a note on his office doorstep shortly after the 37-year-old president and owner of the Commercial State Bank was seized last Wednesday.

Magee, wealthy contractor, added his denial to that of Bremer.

An appeal to newspapers and police to "keep out of this" was voiced last night by Adolph Bremer.

"If Eddie does not come back I will hold newspapers and police personally responsible," he declared.

Interviewed at his home, the elder Bremer said the newspapers "spoiled all chances of contact with the kidnapers so far."

"If the newspapers had not given publicity to the fact Magee received the note, he would have made the negotiations and my son would have been free by now," he continued.

"I will tell nothing to the press or the police. All I want is for the police and press to keep out of this and give me a chance to contact the kidnapers to get my son back."

A possibility that he might have crossed the paths of some gang was advanced in Duluth, Minn., tonight by Harry Bachman, salesman for a St. Paul wholesale grocery company.

Two automobiles, one preceding and one following him, refused to allow him to pass the first car for two miles north of Kinckley, Minn., as he was driving to Duluth, he told police. When he finally succeeded in passing the first car, he said he spotted what seemed to be a pile of blankets on the rear seat. A roughly dressed man, wearing a cap and glasses, was driving.

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## BREMER 'DEAL' WITH KIDNAPER GANG NEARING

ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 23 (U.S.).—Relatives of the kidnaped Edward G. Bremer, wealthy young banker, maintained their silence tonight, but indications were numerous they were hopeful of the early return of Bremer, abducted last Wednesday morning for a \$200,000 ransom.

In the face of repeated denials from all directly concerned, the information came from usually reliable sources that contact had been made with the kidnapers and that agents of the family were ready to deliver over the \$200,000 or at least to negotiate with the kidnapers on the size of the ransom.

### TWO ADS APPEAR

Significance was attached to the appearance of the following advertisement in two Minneapolis papers:

"Rose: Please phone today.  
D. O. C."

Investigators thought they read into the message a willingness of the Bremer family to pay the ransom. "D. O. C.," they pointed out, was merely "C. O. D." (cash on delivery) in reverse order.

A milk bottle thrown through a window at the home of Dr. H. T. Nippert, Bremer family physician, remained a matter of controversy today. Dr. Nippert said the bottle did not contain two notes from the kidnapers, as reported.

### CLAIM REFUTED

In other quarters the equally emphatic statement was made that the bottle did contain two notes and that Dr. Nippert had been cautioned to say nothing of the matter. The notes were said to contain instructions for the delivery of the \$200,000 in \$5, \$10 and \$20 bills.

Adolph Bremer, principal owner of the Jacob Schmidt Brewing Company and father of the kidnap victim, was said tonight to be showing the strain of the uncertainty of his son's fate.

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## Bremer's Abductors Fail to Get Ransom

By United Press  
ST. PAUL — An attempted delivery of \$200,000 ransom for the release of Edward Bremer, 36, kidnaped banker, was believed to have failed today when two autos containing members of the abduction gang followed the wrong car.

The kidnaped man was said to have been in one of them.

The kidnapers were believed to have been in two automobiles which bottled up a car driven by Harry Bachman, St. Paul businessman, near Hinckley, Minn., last night.

Bachman's auto was trapped between two large sedans on the state highway near where a ransom of \$100,000 was paid to the kidnapers of William Hamm Jr. last year.

The two autos were jockeyed back and forth beside Bachman's car. The latter was mystified. After 15 minutes of such maneuvering, one of the sedans edged Bachman toward the side of the road and several shots were fired in the air.

While Bachman remained at the wheel, the two auto loads of men surveyed him carefully and then apparently satisfied that he was not the person they sought turned about

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## Kidnap Gang Bungles Bremer Ransom Plan

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and drove back toward St. Paul. Bachman said that he saw a bundled object in the back seat of one of the cars. It resembled a bundle of blankets, he said.

Bachman drove on to Duluth and then notified Federal authorities and St. Paul police. Investigators were sent to the northern city to interview Bachman.

Police believed that the kidnapers probably followed Bachman all the way from St. Paul in the belief that he was a representative of the Bremer family, designated to deliver the ransom. Bachman was believed to own a large auto similar to Bremer's car.

Activities at the Bremer family mansion during the day yesterday and last night indicated that young Bremer's safe release was expected hourly. Relatives of the kidnaped man were busy, making secret trips about the city.

Meanwhile, unprecedented numbers of Federal agents were reported to have arrived in Minneapolis for a Federal drive against the kidnapers. Adolph Bremer, father of the kidnapers' victim, is a personal friend of President Roosevelt.

The Federal agents have established headquarters in Minneapolis. It was reported. Bremer has refused to confer with police or Federal agents, believing that such cooperation would jeopardize his son's safety.

This attitude was believed to have upset prearranged plans whereby a special anti-kidnaping squad of St. Paul police decided to destroy the kidnapers by forcing delivery of the victim at the same time the ransom was paid. The police squad wearing bullet proof vests then planned to use its machine guns to prevent the kidnapers' escape.

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## Bremer's Father Raps Police and Press

By THOMAS F. CULLEN  
ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 24 (I.N.S.)—With his wealthy young son, Edward G. Bremer, still missing seven days after having been kidnaped, Adolph Bremer today excoriated police and newspapers, blaming them for his failure to establish contact with the kidnapers who are demanding \$200,000 ransom.

The wealthy brewer declared he would not trust police because they "double-crossed" him.

Bremer added that persistent rumors stating that the kidnaped man would be released shortly and the ransom paid were only serving to keep him from getting in touch with the gang.

### Contact Reported

Contact with the kidnapers was reported to be a possibility today as Otto Bremer, uncle of the banker, went on a mysterious trip out of town. Magee, who has been chief adviser to the family, was not in his usual place at the Bremer home either. Adolph Bremer, however, insisted no contacts have been made.

In the meantime, police apparently were doing no active work on the case. It was assumed that they were definitely out of the picture until the kidnap victim is returned safely to his family. Likewise the Department of Justice agents here were doing nothing but "standing by" awaiting developments.

Speculation, theory and guess work to the effect that Bremer would be returned last night and the ransom paid, failed to materialize.

The established facts are brief: That Bremer, the 37-year-old bank president, was seized from the streets last Wednesday morning and that two hours later his friend, Walter W. Magee, was so informed by the kidnapers.

### Blood Hints Death

Magee, in accordance with their advice, picked up a ransom note from under the back door of his office, which note bore a demand for \$200,000 and it contained the signature of the kidnap victim.

Next Bremer's automobile was found and there were blood stains on the front seat.

The most pessimistic viewpoint would be that the blood stains indicate that Bremer was killed and that therefore the kidnapers have dropped the matter and will never again communicate with the family.

This brings to mind the Brooke Hart case of San Jose, Cal., but it is reasonable to assume that the kidnapers are also familiar with the fate dealt out to the kidnapers.

They are not the type to injure their victim. They want the money, and it is too hazardous to kill a victim and then collect a ransom, notwithstanding what happened in the Lindbergh case.

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## POLICE BELIEVE TWO LINKED WITH TOUHY

Suspect Banker Was Stolen to  
Finance Defense of Gang  
In Factor "Snatch"

CHICAGO, Jan. 24 (I.N.S.).

Two suspects in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, wealthy St. Paul banker, were reported Chicago-bound today and police joined Federal agents in maintaining a close watch at railroad stations.

Those sought are Verne Sankey, 42, and Gordon Alcorn, 27, South Dakota desperadoes. Government men have hunted the pair since their indictment by a Federal grand jury last March for the kidnaping of Charles Boettcher, Denver clubman.

Sankey and Alcorn are pals of Roger Touhy and his henchmen and are said to have shared a St. Paul hideout with the Chicagoans shortly after the William J. Hamm kidnaping. Touhy and three others were acquitted of that crime.

Police think Sankey, Alcorn and others staged the Bremer "snatching" to obtain funds with which to finance the Touhy's defense in the current John ("Jake the Barber") Factor kidnaping trial here.

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## BREMER RELEASE NOW EXPECTED WITHIN 24 HOURS

'Payoff' Man with \$200,000 Reported on Way to Rendezvous.

St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 23.—(UP)—Release of Edward G. Bremer, 36, kidnaped banker, was expected within twenty-four hours today following a series of rapid-fire developments. Representatives of Adolph Bremer, the victim's father and personal friend of President Roosevelt, were reported to have renewed contact with the kidnapers and to have dispatched a negotiator with \$200,000 ransom to a designated "payoff" rendezvous.

Arrangements for the delivery of the ransom money were said to have been contained in two notes thrown through a window in the home of Dr. H. T. Nippert, Bremer family physician.

### Put Ad in Newspapers.

The reported receipt of these notes was followed by insertion of an advertisement in two Minneapolis newspapers. The advertisement read:

"Rose: Please phone today. D.O.C."

The police, who have remained out of the case lest their work endanger young Bremer's security, believed this advertisement signified that members of the family were willing to accede to the wishes of the abductors. The "D. O. C." initials were believed to mean that the family wished to pay the ransom on delivery of Bremer. The initials were to be reversed to read C. O. D., or cash on delivery.

There was considerable activity in the neighborhood of the Bremer family mansion overlooking the Mississippi river. Mysterious callers came and went several times during the night. It was reported that the ransom money had been taken from a vault in the American National Bank, Adolph Bremer's leading bank in a chain owned by him and his brother, Otto, and conveyed to the Minneapolis.

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His municipal airport. Several planes left the airport during the night.

### One Suspect Is Held.

The police arrested and held one suspect in the case. After questioning a disbarred attorney and releasing him, they brought in a middle-aged man with a scarred face. This man was questioned at the detective bureau for several hours and placed in a cell shortly after midnight. Extra guards were stationed about the cell block.

The police refused to reveal what charges would be placed against him. They denied that the man was Verne Sankey, notorious renegade and suspected kidnaper. The rumors that the suspect was Sankey occurred after federal agents appeared to aid in the questioning.

Almost twenty federal agents were in St. Paul and Minneapolis. These men were under orders to redouble their efforts to trace Sankey, who is wanted on kidnaping charges in St. Paul and Denver, Col.

### Notes in Milk Bottle.

Shortly after a broken window was discovered in the Nippert home the Bremer family again refused to talk about the kidnaping. Nippert admitted the window was broken by the throwing of a milk bottle through it. He refused to admit that kidnaping notes were found in the bottle.

From a usually authoritative source the United Press learned that two notes were contained in the bottle. The delivery of notes followed a conference at which police and federal agents urged that Bremer allow them to intervene in the case.

The police advanced the theory that an experienced gang perpetrated the abduction. They indicated the hunt would swing to Chicago.

Bremer has been held almost a week. He was abducted last Wednesday about 8:30 a. m., after he had driven his daughter, Betty, 8, to school and was on his way to the Commercial State Bank, of which he is president.

His absence was first discovered after Walter Magee, a contractor and close friend, received a telephone call and note saying that Bremer had been kidnaped. The note demanded \$200,000 ransom in small bills.

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# GUN FIGHT NEAR HOME OF BREMER UPSETS DISTRICT

Contact with Kidnapers  
Is Believed Certain.

## BULLETIN.

St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 22.—(P)—A heavy police guard in the home of Adolf Bremer, father of Edward Bremer, held captive by a kidnap gang, indicated tonight the \$200,000 abduction case was approaching a climax. Friends of the family believed imminent final contact with the gang and the release of the 37 year old president of the Commercial State bank within 36 hours.

St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 22.—[Special.]—Reports of a gun fight in a prominent residential section near the home of Edward G. Bremer, kidnaped St. Paul banker, late tonight brought a new factor into the abduction that has kept this northwest city in a furor more than 135 hours.

Residents of the section several blocks from the home, where a patient watch is being kept in hopes of return of the "snatch" victim, reported to police that occupants of two large sedans had engaged in a gun fight on the street there.

Some of the reported witnesses declared that they had seen the flash of gun fire. Squad cars rushed to the vicinity reported, however, that they were unable to find any trace of the cars, and dismissed the matter.

## Blame Outside "Mussling"

The statements of those who reported the supposed gun fight was taken by some to indicate that possibly an outside mob was attempting to muscle in on the \$200,000 ransom demanded for the return of Bremer.

The reported clash between the two autos followed closely upon developments which indicated almost for a certainty that a contact had been made between the kidnapers and the Bremer family.

Two notes in Bremer's handwriting were contained in a bottle said to have been hurled through the window of the home of the Bremer family physician, Dr. H. T. Nippert, late Sunday night.

## Magae Away from Home.

The fact that Walter W. Magae, wealthy contractor, was absent from his home and office today gave rise to the belief that one of the notes contained information regarding the delivery of the \$200,000 ransom.

Magae, who returned to his home tonight, when asked about the report replied that as far as he knew there was "nothing doing" and refused to comment further.

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## Ransom Tip Spurs Hope For Bremer

(By Associated Press)

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### Seek Lower Ransom.

This development followed hard upon the revelation by a source close to the family of the abducted banker that an effort would be made by them to bargain with the kidnapers for a smaller payment.

They based their stand on the statement that they had not received direct word that Bremer was still in good health despite reputed assurances authorities ob-



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Mrs. Edward Bremer      Edward Bremer

tained earlier in the day from Minneapolis underworld sources that Bremer was still living.

In the lake region where the deputies went to search, officers learned that two airplanes had frequented one of the lakes in the last two days. Two large automobiles were also reportedly seen near one cottage there.

#### Light Signal Seen.

Another incident which aroused speculation that the release of the 37-year-old bank head might be forthcoming soon came about an hour after the deputies departed.

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The actions of the driver—particularly purchase of the newspaper—recalled that the original note from the plotters instructed the family to insert an advertisement in the Minneapolis Tribune reading "We are ready. Alice."

This was done after the missive was found by Walter Magee, wealthy contractor and friend of the Bremers, on his office doorstep.

Earlier, the police, A d o l p h Bremer, principal owner of the Jacob Schmidt Brewing Company and father of the missing man, and Dr. Nippert denied reports that two new ransom notes had been received.

Chicago, Jan. 22 (U.P.).—Gale Swolley and Frank Souder were found guilty tonight of kidnaping James, B. Hackett, gambler, and were sentenced to life imprisonment. It was the first time in the history of Chicago that any one had been convicted of kidnaping.

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## Bremer Alive, Underworld Assures Police; Deputies in Search, Release Soon Hinted

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# RELEASE OF BREMER REPORTED PENDING; SEEK RANSOM CUT

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Hunt Verne Sankey  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 22 (A. P.)—In its search for the abductors of Edward G. Bremer, of St. Paul, the Federal Government today intensified its long hunt for Verne Sankey, under indictment in Denver for the kidnapping there of Charles Boettcher, II.

"Use your judgment," cryptically returned J. Edgar Hoover, of the Justice Department, when asked by reporters whether the orders were in direct connection with the Bremer case. Sankey also is wanted for questioning in connection with the kidnapping of Haskell Bohn, of St. Paul.

He is 42, a naturalized Canadian, and has been mentioned at various times by law officers working on the Lindbergh kidnapping. County Attorney M. F. Kinkadee of St. Paul recently said that the Government wanted him in connection with that case, but Justice officials refused comment.

Sankey's only conviction occurred in 1925, when he was fined \$400 for a prohibition violation.

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# HUNT RENEWED FOR BANKER AS WORD ARRIVES

Swift Release Pledged  
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2 PLANES ON LAKE  
OFFER NEW CLUE

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One note, the rumor said, was addressed to Mr. Magee, who received the first missive shortly after the missing banker was seized between 8:20 A. M. and 8:30 A. M., Wednesday. The other was supposed to have been addressed to Adolph Bremer.

Well-authenticated sources had named Saturday or Sunday as the days on which contact with the band would be made and the ransom paid. No negotiations took place, however, attributed by friends of the family to weather conditions those days.

In Washington, J. Edgar Hoover, of the Department of Justice, inferred that Verne Sankey, linked

with two kidnappings, might be implicated in the Bremer case. He placed fresh emphasis on the hunt for Sankey, wanted for questioning in the Haskell Bohn abduction here and under indictment in Denver for the kidnapping of Charles Boettcher, 3d.

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# Family of Kidnaped Banker Apparently Hopefully Waiting

Grand Jury Will Meet To-day Should 'Anything Happen.'

By Associated Press.  
ST. PAUL, MINN., January 23.—A kidnap gang's hideaway and the sealed lips of the victim's family today held the secret of the \$200,000 Bremer abduction case. Meanwhile County Attorney M. F. Kinkead said a grand jury would meet tomorrow, ready to investigate the crime, should "anything happen."

Conflicting reports about rumored developments could not be reconciled by the police with the prediction of friends of Edward G. Bremer that the 37-year-old president and owner of the Commercial State Bank was alive and would be freed soon.

## Family Seemingly Hopeful

The family seemingly assumed an attitude of hopeful waiting, claiming they had received no word from the gang since the kidnapers seized Bremer last Wednesday and shortly afterward left a ransom note at the office of Walter Magee, wealthy contractor and friend.

City police, who had abided by Adolph Bremer's request that the law remain aloof from the case until his eldest son was released, admittedly were at sea. Federal Department of Justice investigators were noncommittal.

"We have heard nothing," said Adolph Bremer, principal owner of the Jacob Schmidt Brewing Company, when asked about two ransom notes reported to have been delivered to Dr. H. T. Nippert in a milk bottle, hurled through the window in the latter's front door Saturday.

Bremer denied any notes were received, as did Dr. Nippert, the family's physician. He admitted, however, a bottle had been thrown through the door glass.

## Report of Contact

Yet one report persisted that a contact had been made with the gang through a second note received yesterday morning by Adolph Bremer. Last night a heavy police guard was placed at the Bremer home. The family for the last three days has had in readiness the \$200,000 with which to ransom the missing banker, whose bloodstained automobile was found shortly after his abduction.

Then, too, a Schmidt Brewery truck was reported to have made an unexpected trip early today from the Bremer home to an undisclosed destination. This could not be verified.

Magee, supposedly addressed in one of the notes, reported sent Dr. Nippert, declared he "didn't know a thing," and insisted no contact had been made with the gang.

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# U. S. Makes First Open Move to Trap St. Paul Kidnapers

Scores Questioned in Effort  
to Find Abductors of  
E. G. Bremer.

By Associated Press.  
ST. PAUL, MINN., January 22.—  
Checkmated for the present by a  
kidnap gang, the United States  
Government today turned to Min-  
neapolis police for aid in tracking  
down Edward G. Bremer's ab-  
ductors, who demanded \$200,000  
ransom.

It was the first open move by  
any law enforcement agency since  
the wealthy president and owner  
of the Commercial State Bank was  
seized last Wednesday.

Thwarted by the sly workings of  
the unidentified band, which left  
in its wake, Bremer's blood-stained  
automobile and a death threat,  
Federal Department of Justice in-  
vestigators hoped to glean some in-  
formation that would spur the hunt  
for the gang and free the son of  
Adolph Bremer, personal friend of  
President Roosevelt and principal  
owner of the Jacob Schmidt Brew-  
ing Company.

## Suspects Questioned.

Scores of men and women were  
brought into Minneapolis Police  
headquarters, questioned, and re-  
leased. Neither federal operatives  
nor city police would say whether  
any promising leads had been de-  
veloped. There was no break in the  
wall of silence surrounding the ab-  
ductors since shortly after Bremer  
left his 8-year-old daughter, Betty,  
at the Summit school for girls.

Anxiety for Bremer's life was un-  
abated among the family, appre-  
hensive over lack of communica-  
tion from the gang, which has yet  
to arrange a rendezvous for pay-  
ment of the ransom which the  
Bremeres were ready to pay in full.

Weather conditions were pointed  
to in some quarters today as a pos-  
sible reason the gang did not at-  
tempt to contact relatives of their  
captive either Sunday night or to-  
day. A fog enveloping the Twin  
Cities Sunday, made movement on  
the streets or near-by highways  
treacherous and slowed traffic in  
Minneapolis.

## Driving Hazardous.

Today, rain made the streets slip-  
pery and driving hazardous. It was  
deemed significant by friends of  
the Bremeres, that federal operatives  
had requested a roundup of under-  
world characters only in Minne-  
apolis and not in St. Paul.

In Washington, J. Edgar Hoover  
of the Department of Justice, in-  
ferred Verns Sankey, linked with  
two kidnappings, might be impli-  
cated in the Bremer case. He placed  
fresh emphasis on the hunt for  
Sankey, wanted for questioning in

the Haskell Bohn abduction and  
under indictment in Denver for  
the kidnaping of Charles Boettcher  
the second.

Meanwhile, the family was rep-  
resented by friends as having de-  
cided to demand proof that Bremer  
still was alive, such as another  
note signed by him, before paying  
the ransom.

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## FEDERAL AGENTS THINK KIDNAPED BANKER IS DEAD

**But Wealthy Father of Edward  
Bremer of St. Paul Re-  
mains Confident.**

ST. PAUL, Jan. 22.—(U. P.)—Federal agents, fearing a "second Lindbergh case," prepared today for a comprehensive drive against the band of desperadoes which kidnaped Edward G. Bremer, 36-year-old banker, for \$200,000 ransom last Wednesday, five days ago.

The agents had little hope that Bremer would be returned alive. The belief that he met the same fate as the infant son of Charles A. Lindbergh grew out of the failure of the kidnapers to contact the Bremer family since a few hours after Bremer disappeared. Bloodstains were found in the front seat of the automobile from which the banker had been seized.

However, confidence that young Bremer would be returned unharmed was felt by his father, Adolph Bremer, and by the victim's wife. Since Friday the elder Bremer has had \$200,000 in used bills ready to pay the ransom demanded.

Authorities called a conference with the father last night and urged that he allow them to begin the hunt, which they had held up at his request. The police revealed that they were investigating a note received by W. C. Robertson, Minneapolis postmaster, which gave instructions for finding Bremer's body. Although it was labeled the work of a crank, it served as the basis of a twenty-four-hour search.

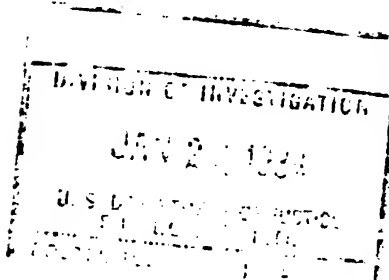
The elder Bremer pleaded for another day without police interference, declaring the family believed the bloodstains in Edward's automobile were the result of a scuffle. Agents continued to insist, however, and the father was reported about to give in.

Bremer disappeared after he left his 8-year-old daughter, Betty, at school. Two hours later Walter W. Magee, a friend, received a phone call in which he was told that Bremer was kidnaped and that at his back door he would find a note containing instructions. Magee found a crudely written letter demanding the \$200,000 ransom.

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# KIDNAPERS EXPECTED

## TO FREE BANKER SOON

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### LIBERTY SEEN WITHIN 36 HRS. FOR ST. PAUL GANG VICTIM

Edward Bremer De-  
clared Alive and Well  
and Would Be Re-  
leased After Payment  
of \$200,000 Ransom.

### FINAL CONTACT EXPECTED TODAY

Family Not Disposed  
to Hand Over Full  
Amount to Captors  
Till Assured of Bank-  
er's Safety.

By Associated Press.

ST. PAUL, MINN., January 22.—  
A heavy police guard in the home  
of Adolf Bremer, father of Edward  
Bremer, held captive by a kidnap  
gang, indicated tonight the \$200,000  
abduction case was approaching  
a climax.

Friends of the family deemed  
final contact with the gang immin-  
ent with release of the 37-year-old  
owner and president of the Com-  
mercial State Bank within thirty-  
six hours in prospect.

New developments followed rap-  
idly in the wake of demands by the  
family, police, and Dr. H. T. Nip-  
pert, family physician, that com-  
munication had been established  
through the latter. All denied re-  
ports a milk bottle, flung through  
his front door early Saturday, had  
contained two notes for paying the  
ransom.

#### Vain Search for Gang.

Shortly afterward, acting on a tip  
from suspicious residents of Medi-  
cine Lake, near Minneapolis, adja-  
cent to St. Paul, Sheriff John Wall  
and two automobile loads of depu-  
ties exploded a report the gang  
might have its headquarters there.

Friends of the Bremers disclosed  
earlier in the day that underworld  
sources had assured the family the  
son of Adolph Bremer, personal  
friend of President Roosevelt, was  
still alive, despite the conjectured  
the missing man's blood-stained  
automobile, found shortly after his  
abduction last Wednesday, inspired  
in the minds of relatives.

Disclosure that final contact with  
the gang that has held Bremer  
since last Wednesday, was to be  
made within the next day, and a

half was the first break in the  
silence that has screened the mys-  
terious kidnap band, and directly  
followed the city-wide roundup in  
Minneapolis of persons living out-  
side the law.

That came after a request by De-  
partment of Justice investigators,  
who asked Minneapolis police to  
dragnet the underworld earlier in  
the day in hopes of gleaning infor-  
mation about the band.

#### Family Encouraged.

Alarm for Bremer's safety, held  
by his family since the finding of  
his blood-stained automobile and  
aggravated by lack of word from  
the plotters for a rendezvous for  
the pay-off, was reported to be dis-  
sipated by assurance that the 37-  
year-old son of Adolph Bremer,  
principal owner of the Jacob  
Schmidt Brewing Company, was  
alive.

From a source close to the fam-  
ily it was learned, however, that  
they were not inclined to hand over  
the full \$200,000 at once in spite of

previous assertions of willingness  
to do so. This source indicated that  
the family felt that they had not  
received directly definite evidence  
that the young banker was still in  
good health.

Simultaneously, police and Dr. H.  
T. Nippert emphatically denied re-  
ports two ransom notes had been  
delivered the Bremer family  
through Dr. Nippert.

"That is a mistake," said Dr. Nip-  
pert regarding reports two missives  
were in a milk bottle thrown  
through the glass in his front door  
late last night. A bottle was hurled  
through the glass, he said, but de-  
clared there were no notes in it  
nor did he find any on the porch.

#### Note to Walter Magee.

One note, the rumor said, was ad-  
dressed to Walter Magee, wealthy  
St. Paul contractor and friend of  
the Bremers, who received the first  
missive shortly after the missing  
banker was seized between 2:30 a.  
m. and 3:30 a. m. Wednesday. The  
other was supposed to have been  
addressed to Adolph Bremer.

Dr. Nippert is a friend of the  
family and has attended Mrs. Bre-  
mer, wife of the missing banker,  
in various occasions.  
Well-authenticated sources had  
named Saturday or Sunday as the  
day on which contact with the  
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# BREWER REPORTED NEGOTIATING WITH SON'S KIDNAPERS

**Father of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul, Thought to Be Arranging to Pay \$200,000 Ransom.**

By the Associated Press.

**ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 22.**—Negotiations looking to the release soon of Edward G. Bremer, wealthy St. Paul banker, kidnaped last Wednesday, were reported in progress today.

Despite denials, reports persisted that a second communication had been received from the abductors in a bottle thrown through a window at the home of the Bremer family physician. There also were stories of lights flashed by an automobile, and a mysterious trip by a brewer's truck.

In addition, a heavy police guard was maintained at the home of Adolph Bremer, principal owner of the Jacob Schmidt Brewing Co. and father of the abducted 37-year-old president of the Commercial State Bank.

The \$300,000 ransom in old \$5, \$10 and \$20 bills, not numbered consecutively, has been ready for delivery for two days and last night a large sedan stopped before the home of Dr. H. T. Nippert, the Bremer family physician. The car's lights were flashed on twice, the porchlight was turned on for a moment and the car disappeared. Officials would not say whether this was intended as a signal from the abductors.

This was followed by a hurried trip into the country west of Minneapolis by two automobile loads of heavily armed Hennepin County authorities on a tip the kidnap gang had its headquarters at Medicine Lake. Sheriff John P. Wall, however, exploded that theory by establishing ownership of two air planes and two big sedans at the lake, which had aroused suspicion of residents.

Police Chief Thomas Dahill said police had no knowledge of the reported contact. After Bremer was seized between 8:30 a. m. and 8:30 a. m. last Wednesday, Adolph Bremer pleaded for law enforcement agencies to remain out of the case until his son was safely returned. He felt any police activity at the time would endanger the younger Bremer's life.

Adolph Bremer's telephone line was kept clear yesterday and Walter Magee, wealthy contractor, and a friend of the family, made a mysterious trip to an unannounced destination.

During the night a truck of the Jacob Schmidt Brewing Co. drove up to the rear of the Adolph Brammer home. There the canvas covering was removed and all sides of the truck exposed. Chief Dahill and Charles Tierney, inspector of detectives, were reported to have been at the home at the time, but Chief Dahill later denied this, and also reports that the truck was to be used in a possible contact with the kidnapers.

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## \$200,000 RANSOM REPORTED SENT TO BREMER KIDNAPERS

**St. Paul Banker's Release Now  
 Expected Within Twenty-  
 Four Hours.**

ST. PAUL, Jan. 23.—(U. P.)—Release of Edward G. Bremer, who has been in the hands of kidnapers for six days, was expected within twenty-four hours today, following a series of rapid developments.

Representatives of Adolph Bremer, father of the 36-year-old banker and personal friend of President Roosevelt, were reported to have renewed contact with the abductors and to have dispatched a negotiator with a \$200,000 ransom to a designated "payoff" rendezvous.

Arrangements for the delivery of the ransom money were said to have been contained in two notes thrown through a window in the home of Dr. H. T. Nippert, Bremer family physician. The reported receipt of these notes was followed by the insertion of the following advertisement in two Minneapolis newspapers:

"Rose, please phone today.

D. O. C."

The police, who have remained out of the case lest their work endanger young Bremer's security, believed this advertisement signified that members of the family were willing to accede to the wishes of the abductors.

The "D. O. C." initials might mean that the family wished to pay the ransom on delivery of Bremer. They could be reversed to read C. O. D., or cash on delivery. The possibility that they might refer to Dr. Nippert also was seen. The signature could mean "Doc," a contraction for "doctor."

### Money Reported Taken from Home

It was reported that the ransom money had been taken from a vault in the American National Bank. Adolph Bremer's leading bank in a chain owned by him and his brother, Otto, and conveyed to the Minneapolis municipal airport. Several planes left the airport during the night.

After the broken window was discovered in the Nippert home, the Bremer family refused to talk about the kidnaping. Nippert admitted a milk bottle had been thrown through the window, but he refused to admit that kidnaping notes were found in the bottle.

From a usually authoritative source it was learned that two notes were in the bottle. The delivery of notes followed a conference at which the police and federal agents urged that Bremer allow them to intervene in the case. He said he had received no word from the kidnapers since Wednesday morning, but refused to give up hope. Previously federal agents had expressed the belief that young Bremer might be dead.

### One Suspect Held.

The police arrested and held one suspect in the case, a middle-aged man with a scarred face. This man was questioned and placed in a cell. Officers denied that the man was Verne Sankey, notorious renegade and suspected kidnaper.

Rumors that the suspect was Sankey occurred after federal agents joined in the questioning. Almost twenty agents were in St. Paul and Minneapolis, under orders to trace Sankey, who is wanted on kidnaping charges in St. Paul and Denver.

Bremer was abducted Wednesday about 8:30 a. m. after he had driven his daughter, Betty, 3, to school and was on his way to the Commercial State Bank, of which he is president.

His absence was first discovered after Walter Magee, a friend, received a telephone call and note demanding the \$200,000 ransom.

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MR. LOCKE	.....
MR. ROSS	.....

## PLANES ENTER KIDNAP CHASE; HUNT CONFUSED

ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 22 (U.S.).—Rumors late tonight were that contact with the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, banker, is to be made by airplane.

Shortly after these reports were circulated it was learned that the sheriff of Hennepin county near Minneapolis started out with five men when residents near Lake Minnetonka said that several suspicious cars had arrived and two aeroplanes had landed near there.

Meanwhile conflicting reports, one that a second contact had been made with the abductors, confused the search for Bremer, who was kidnaped last Wednesday for a \$200,000 ransom.

It was reported, and shortly denied, that the Bremers had received two more ransom notes in which young Bremer was said to be alive and well.

The notes were said to have been placed in a milk bottle which was thrown into a window at the home of Dr. H. T. Nippert, Bremer family physician, slightly more than a mile away from the spot where Bremer is thought to have been kidnaped Wednesday morning.

He admitted a bottle had been thrown through his window but denied explicitly that it had contained the two notes.

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## Bremer Is Believed Alive; Contact With Kidnapers Reported

Family Is Said to Have Dis-  
patched Messenger With Ran-  
som of \$200,000 for Gang

By United Press

ST. PAUL.—Hope for the safety and eventual release of Edward G. Bremer, wealthy young banker, was revived to-day when it was reported that representatives of the Bremer family had finally renewed contact with the kidnapers.

It was said that the young banker's father, Adolph Bremer, had sent an emissary with the \$200,000 ransom to a spot designated by the kidnapers.

Arrangements for the delivery of the ransom were said to have been contained in two notes thrown thru a window in the home of Dr. H. T. Nippert, Bremer family physician. The reported receipt of these

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## Bremer Is Believed to Be Still Alive

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MIGHT MEAN C. O. D.

The "D. O. C." initials were believed to mean that the family wished to pay the ransom on delivery of Bremer. The initials were to be reversed to read C. O. D. or cash on delivery.

There was considerable activity in the neighborhood of the Bremer mansion overlooking the Mississippi River. Mysterious callers came and went several times during the night. It was reported that the ransom money had been taken from a vault in the American National Bank, Adolph Bremer's leading bank in a chain owned by him and his brother, Otto, and conveyed to the Minneapolis municipal airport. Several planes left the airport during the night.

## ONE SUSPECT HELD

Police arrested and held one suspect in the case—after questioning a disbarred attorney and releasing him, they brought in a middle-aged man with a scarred face. This man was questioned in the detective bureau several hours and placed in a cell shortly after midnight. Extra guards were stationed about the cell-block.

Police refused to reveal what charges would be placed against him. They denied that the man was Verne Sankey, notorious renegade and suspected kidnaper. The rumors that the suspect was Sankey occurred after Federal agents appeared to aid in the questioning.

## 20 U. S. AGENTS

Almost 20 Federal agents were in St. Paul and Minneapolis. These men were under orders to redouble their efforts to trace Sankey, who is wanted on kidnaping charges in St. Paul and Denver, Colo.

Shortly after the broken window was discovered in the Nippert home the Bremer family again refused to talk about the kidnaping. Nippert admitted the window was broken by the throwing of a milk bottle thru it. He refused to admit that kidnaping notes were found in the bottle.

From a usually authoritative source the United Press learned that two notes were contained in the bottle. The delivery of notes followed a conference at which police and Federal agents urged that Bremer allow them to intervene in the case. He admitted that he had received no word from the kidnapers since last Wednesday morning, but refused to give up hope.

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## Bremer Still Alive, Gang Tells Family

Plane Clew From Lake  
Region Followed  
by Deputies.

Bargaining for Lower  
Ransom Reported  
Under Way.

St. Paul, Jan. 22 (P).—A dash by deputies into the lake region west of here tonight followed quickly the relaying of information to the family of Edward G. Bremer, kidnaped banker, that he was alive and that his release might be expected soon after payment of the \$200,000 ransom.

Two automobile loads of Hennepin County deputy sheriffs, a heavily armed, sped from Minneapolis in the general direction of Lake Minnetonka after authorities were told that mysterious activity in that vicinity might indicate Bremer was held captive there.

This development followed hard upon the revelation by a source close to the family of the abducted banker that an effort would be made by them to bargain with the kidnapers for a smaller payment.

### Underworld Passes Word.

They based their stand on the statement that they had not received direct word that Bremer was still in good health, despite reputed assurances authorities obtained earlier in the day from Minneapolis underworld sources that Bremer still was living.

In the lake region where the deputies went to search, officers learned that two airplanes had frequented one of the lakes in the last two days. Two large automobiles also were reportedly seen near one cottage there.

Another incident which aroused speculation that the release of the 37-year-old bank head might be forthcoming soon came about an hour after the deputies departed.

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MR. LOCKE .....  
MR. RORER .....

### Original Note Recalled.

A large sedan stopped before the home of Dr. H. T. Nippert, family physician of the Bremers, in St. Paul. The car's lights were flashed on and off twice. The residence porch light was turned on for an instant and the automobile drove off. The driver stopped a few blocks away, purchased a newspaper and then disappeared.

The actions of the driver—particularly purchase of the newspaper—recalled that the original note from the plotters instructed the family to insert an advertisement in the Minneapolis Tribune reading: "We are ready. Alice."

This was done after the misadventure was found by Walter Magee, wealthy contractor and friend of the Bremers, on his office doorstep.

### Ransom Notes Denied.

Earlier, the police, Adolph Bremer, father of the missing man, and Dr. H. T. Nippert denied reports two ransom notes had been delivered to the Bremer family through Dr. Nippert.

Dr. Nippert is a friend of the family and has attended Mrs. Bremer, wife of the missing banker, on various occasions.

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### Hunt for Verne Sankey Spurred by Government

In its search for the abductors of Edward G. Bremer, of St. Paul, the Federal Government yesterday intensified its long hunt for Verne Sankey, under indictment in Denver for the kidnaping there of Charles Boettcher 2d, according to the Associated Press.

"Use your judgment," cryptically returned J. Edgar Hoover, of the Justice Department, when asked by reporters whether the orders were in direct connection with the Bremer case. Sankey also is wanted for questioning in connection with the kidnaping of Haskell Bohn, of St. Paul.

He is 42, a naturalized Canadian and has been mentioned at various times by law officers working on the Lindbergh kidnaping.

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## BREMER'S RELEASE IS BELIEVED NEAR

Series of Incidents Gives Rise  
to Hope That Gang Will  
Free Banker.

By the Associated Press.

ST. PAUL, January 23.—Swiftly moving reports and events were believed in some quarters today to point to negotiations looking to the release soon of Edward G. Bremer, wealthy St. Paul banker, kidnaped last Wednesday.

These included reports that persisted, despite denials, that a second communication had been received from the abductors in a bottle thrown through a window at the home of the Bremer family physician, flashing lights of an automobile and a mystery trip by a brewers' truck.

In addition, a heavy police guard was maintained at the home of Adolph Bremer, principal owner of the Jacob Schmidt Brewing Co., and father of the abducted 37-year-old president of the Commercial State Bank.

Ransom Still Ready.

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Sheriff John P. Wall, however, exploded that theory by establishing ownership of two airplanes and two big sedans at the lake which had aroused suspicion of residents.

Police Chief Thomas Dahill said police had no knowledge of the reported contact.

Asked Police to Wait.

However, it was recalled that, shortly after Bremer was seized, between 8:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. last Wednesday, leaving his 8-year-old daughter Betty at the exclusive Summit Girls' School, Adolph Bremer pleaded for law enforcement agencies to remain out of the case until his son was safely returned. He felt any police activity at the time would endanger the younger Bremer's life.

Activity indicating an approaching climax was also manifest yesterday when Adolph Bremer's telephone line was kept clear and Mayor, wealthy contractor, made a mysterious trip to an unannounced destination.

Another incident during the night was the mysterious trip by a truck belonging to the elder Bremer.

The truck drove up to the rear of the Adolph Bremer home. There the canvas covering was removed and all sides of the truck exposed. Chief Dahill and Charles Tierney, inspector of detectives, were reported to have been at the home at the time, but Chief Dahill later denied this, and also reports that the truck was to be used in a possible contact with the kidnapers. Later the truck left. Its destination and purpose were not disclosed.

The wife of the kidnaped man was represented by close friends as being near collapse.

Adolph Bremer, Jr., reiterated denials of the family that any word had been received from the gang since Edward was seized.

"No contact whatever has been made," said Adolph, Jr., "and reports that Dr. Nippert had received communications are all hoax."

M. F. Kinkead, county attorney, announced a grand jury would meet tomorrow ready to investigate the crime should "anything happen."

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# HINT CONTACT— MADE WITH GANG HOLDING BREMER

Police and Members of  
Banker's Family in Un-  
usual Moves.

## U. S. HUNTS SANKEY

St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 22.—(AP)—Un-  
usual activity by police and members  
of the Bremer family today led to the  
suggestion that contact with the kid-  
napers of Edward G. Bremer, wealthy  
banker abducted for \$200,000 ransom,  
was expected.

Walter Magee, wealthy contractor  
and friend of the Bremers, could not  
be found. It was he who received  
the first and only note from the  
kidnapers shortly after Bremer was  
seized Wednesday. Inquiries elicited  
only replies of "I don't know" at his  
home and office.

At the Jacob Schmidt Brewing  
Company, of which Adolph Bremer,  
father of the victim, is principal own-  
er, the father's telephone lines were  
kept clear by the operator.

### Hunt for Sankey Renewed.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 22.—(AP)—  
In its search for the abductors of Ed-  
ward G. Bremer of St. Paul the  
federal government today intensified  
its long hunt for Verne Sankey, under  
indictment in Denver for the kidnap-  
ing there of Charles Boettcher II.

"Use your judgment," cryptically  
returned J. Edgar Hoover of the jus-  
tice department when asked by re-  
porters whether the orders were in  
direct connection with the Bremer  
case. Sankey also is wanted for ques-  
tioning in connection with the kid-  
naping of Haskell Bohn of St. Paul.

Sankey is 42, a naturalized Cana-  
dian, and has been mentioned at  
various times by law officers working  
on the Lindbergh kidnaping. County  
Attorney M. F. Kinkadee of St. Paul  
recently said that the government  
wanted him in connection with that  
case, but justice officials refused  
comment.

### Convicted in 1925.

Sankey's only conviction occurred  
in 1925, when he was fined \$400 for a  
prohibition violation.

His full name is Rlo Verne Sankey.  
Of stocky build, he has a ruddy com-  
plexion, blue eyes, light brown hair,  
held in front, three small moles on  
the left side of his chin and a small  
scar on the back of one hand. He  
was a railroad engineer by occupa-  
tion. Department of justice infor-  
mation is that his wife, Fern May  
Sankey, lives at Denver, and that he  
has a brother, Frank, in Clark, S. D.,  
and another brother, Joseph Floyd, in  
Watertown, S. D.

MR. NATHAN...  
MR. TOLSON...  
MR. CLEGG...  
MR. NEWLEY...  
MR. DAVIDS...  
MR. CAT...  
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MR. ROBER...

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# Fear Bremer Is Dead; Hunt for His Body

(Picture on Back Page.)

St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 21.—(P)—Probability that Edward Bremer, kidnaped St. Paul banker, had been slain resulted in the dispatch of a squad of federal agents to Anoka county today to assist local authorities in an intensive search of the area.

Anoka is 20 miles from Minneapolis, where the postmaster, W. C. Robertson, yesterday received an anonymous letter stating the 37 year old son of Adolph Bremer, principal owner of the Jacob Schmidt Brewing company and personal friend of President Roosevelt, had been "bumped off."

Chief of Police Thomas Dahill here branded the missive the work of a crank. In the lower left hand corner of the note, penned in ink on stationery of the Union City mission in Minneapolis, was what might have been a rough diagram of three roads, the printed letter "A" and a curved line.

Cover 350 Miles.

More than 350 miles had been covered up to noon today by Sheriff O. M. Olson, Deputy Sheriff Mike Auspis, and Jim Westlake, a game warden, who investigated particular curves in the roads and any suspicious irregularities in surface snow. One side of the Mississippi river bank from Anoka to Minneapolis has been investigated and efforts today were concentrated on the other, on the theory that the curved line on the mysterious letter might represent the river.

They were accompanied by federal department of justice investigators, whose force here has been increased since the Bremer automobile, its interior profusely blood stained, was found shortly after his abduction last Wednesday.

Silence Adds to Fear.

Anxiety for Bremer's life was heightened in the face of the death threat in the first and only note from the kidnapers, left at the rear of the office of Walter W. Magee, wealthy St. Paul contractor and friend of the Bremers, and the fact the customary second note with instructions for paying the ransom has not been received by any one.

The note bore Bremer's signature in a shaky scrawl. The family was represented as being determined to refuse paying the ransom unless a second note signed by Bremer with instructions for payment is received.

The elder Bremer, in seclusion at his home in a serious nervous condition brought on by a two year old illness aggravated by worry over his son's life, was attended yesterday by a physician. He was represented as being much better today.

Family Awaits Word.

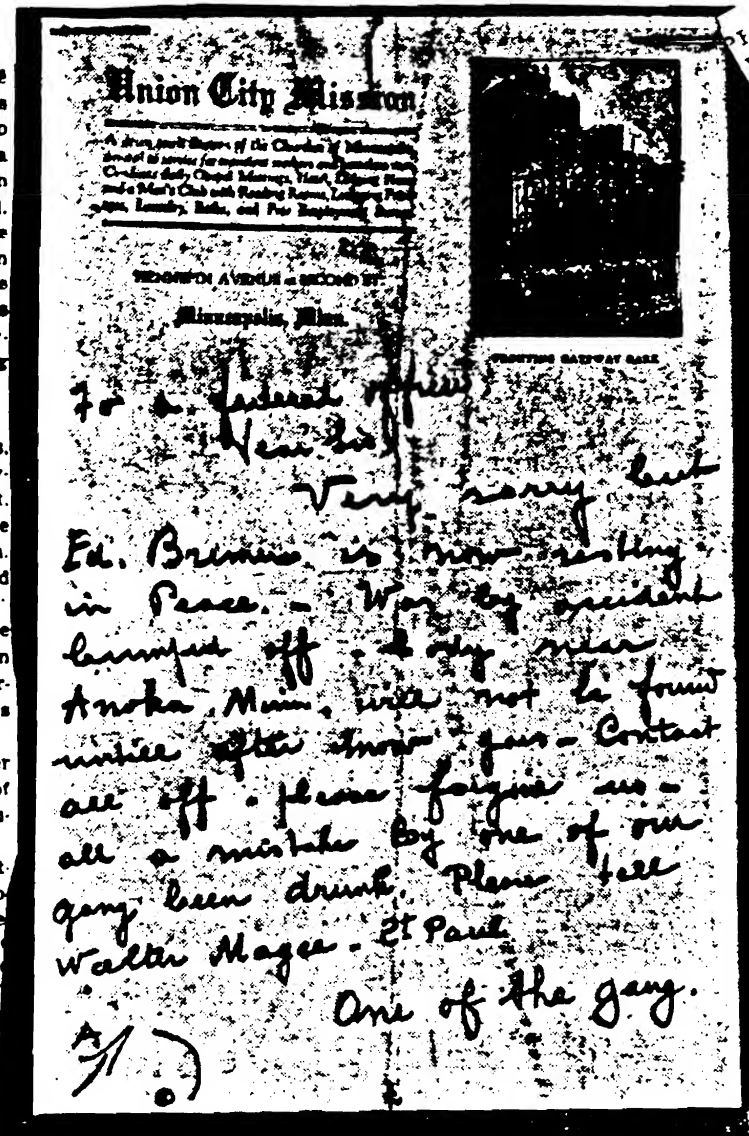
Communication from the kidnapers, paving the way for contact and payment or arrangements for payment, was still awaited by the family as the 104th hour had passed at 4 p. m. since Bremer's seizure, without word from his abductors.

The theory that Bremer might have been killed was voiced in Washington by Joseph B. Keenan, assistant attorney general of the justice department's division of criminal prosecution.

Keenan declared "in the Bremer case we may have the misfortune of experiencing another Lindbergh situation."

Explaining that the justice department is exerting every effort to cooperate with the elder Bremer's request for law enforcement agencies to desist in their attempts to apprehend the kidnapers until his son was safely returned, he added:

"Meanwhile we are attempting to keep negotiations secret."



ST. PAUL KIDNAPING NOTE IS BRANDED HOAX  
Photograph of note received by Minneapolis postmaster stating Edward G. Bremer, kidnaped St. Paul banker, has been slain. Authorities believe the note a hoax.

(Scrap on page 1.)

(Associated Press Photo)

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# Banker's Kin Hopes Despite Death Theory

(By Associated Press)

ST. PAUL, Jan. 21.—The Bremer family, anxiously awaiting contact with kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer in the face of fears he might have been killed by the gang, hoped today to lay the foundation for his release.

Meantime, a theory that the wealthy 37-year-old head of the Commercial State Bank, held for \$200,000 ransom, might have been killed was voiced by Joseph B. Keenan, Assistant Attorney General in Washington of the Justice Department's division of criminal prosecution.

The family, fought against waning of confidence at the 103d hour passed at 8 P. M. since Bremer was seized between 8:20 A. M. and

## Doris Duke Guarded After Death Threat

Doris Duke, tobacco heiress reputed to be the world's richest girl was being guarded by an extra detail of private detectives yesterday after she had received threatening letters.

It was reported that plainclothes men under Capt. Michael McDermott, of the Alien Squad, were seeking the writer of what was reported to have been a kidnap letter sent to the heiress demanding money and threatening her life.

The letter, written in Slavish, was scanned by police interpreters, who refused to comment on the contents yesterday.

Guarded at Estate.

Efforts to reach the vivacious Doris, to affirm reports of the plot were futile yesterday as she had



Mrs. Edward G. Bremer  
She waits for return of kidnaped husband.

8:30 A. M. last Wednesday. The usual second note signed by the victim has not been received since the blood-stained Bremer automobile was found.

They were hopeful that negotiations would be launched tonight, thus sweeping away the barrier preventing release of the son of Adolph Bremer, principal owner of the Jacob Schmidt Brewing Company and personal friend of President Roosevelt.

Secluded at his home, the elder Bremer was in a serious nervous condition, necessitating medical attention.

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Explaining the Justice Department is exerting every effort to cooperate with the elder Bremer's request for law enforcement agencies to desist in their attempts to apprehend the kidnapers until his son was safely returned, he added:

"Meanwhile, we are attempting to keep negotiations secret."

He appealed to newspapers to suppress details until the victim has been freed.

Chief of police Thomas Dahill has given assurance there would be no need to worry over Bremer's safety until after "Sunday or Monday," adding he was confident the missing banker "was O. K."

Dahill's terse statement followed the revelation that W. C. Robertson, Minneapolis postmaster, yesterday received a note through the mails saying Bremer has been



Joseph B. Keenan  
Fears kidnapers killed Bremer.

"bumped off" through accident and because one of the gang has "been drunk." It was unstamped and was signed "one of the gang."

Called Work of Crank.

Police characterized it the work of a crank, but immediately afterward Federal, city and county officials conferred secretly at headquarters here.

Police today also had the story of an unidentified youth living near the missing banker's home that Jan. 12 or 13 he had seen two strange automobiles apparently shadowing Bremer. One of the cars was behind and the other in front of the banker's automobile as he drove to the bank.

The youth said he had heard Bremer was being guarded against kidnapers and assumed the two cars were protecting the banker.

(Other picture on page 1)





**Doris Duke**  
*Cops guard her from alien.*

retired to the seclusion of her palatial home at Somerville, N. J.

Always trailed by armed guards and disguised with dark-colored glasses, Doris yesterday failed to take her usual Sunday canter on her favorite mount over the Jersey countryside. The young heiress, however, has been active in attending social functions and swanky night clubs during the past year.

Last year the Government Board of Tax Appeals set the value of the vivacious heiress' estate as \$30,634,040, exclusive a \$10,000,000 melon she received on attaining her twenty-first birthday last November.

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With her town and country estates, yachts, autos and stables, her entire fortune is estimated at \$50,000,000.

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attention.

A well-intentioned source yesterday said contact was expected to be established either last night or sometime Sunday in Minneapolis or vicinity. Although city authorities made no move to interfere with the ransom negotiations, the extortionists continued reticent.

#### **Ransom Held Ready.**

Walter Magee, wealthy St. Paul contractor, friend of the missing man and named as contact man, was ready to turn over the \$200,000 in old \$5, \$10 and \$20 bills not numbered consecutively. It was Magee who received an anonymous telephone message shortly after 10 A. M. last Wednesday when Bremer disappeared after leaving his 8-year-old daughter, Betty, at the exclusive Summit Girls School.

At the rear of Magee's office, a typewritten note, signed by Bremer in a shaky scrawl, was found. It threatened death and demanded \$200,000.

The Bremer automobile was discovered about a mile from the place where the note said it would be found in an outlying residential district, spotted with blood on both front and rear seats.

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## Bremer's Body Hunted by U.S., Feeling Worst

350 Square Miles Searched  
After Kidnapers  
Deal for Ransom

'Another Lindbergh Case'

Federal Officer Expresses  
Belief Banker Is Dead

By The Associated Press

ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 21.—On the chance that Edward Bremer, St. Paul banker, has been slain by the kidnapers who have been holding him for \$200,000 ransom, a squad of Federal agents started an intensive search for his body today in Anoka County.

Postmaster W. C. Robertson, of Minneapolis, received an anonymous note yesterday informing him that Bremer had been "bumped off" in that vicinity, but local police were at first inclined to discount the tip. Whether fresh information has been obtained leading to reversal of their opinion has not been disclosed. Anoka, county seat of Anoka County, is twenty miles from Minneapolis.

In the lower left-hand corner of the note, penned in ink on stationery of the Union City Mission in Minneapolis, was what might have been a rough diagram of three roads, the printed letter "A" and a curved line.

Mississippi's Banks Searched

The searchers investigated particularly any suspicious irregularities in surface snow. Both banks of the Mississippi River, which flows through the district, likewise were being scrutinized on the theory that the curved line might have been meant to represent it. As dusk began to fall tonight about 850 square miles of territory had been covered without result.

The Federal agents, whose forces here have been greatly augmented since the kidnaping, were sent to Anoka late yesterday to organize the search, but word of their mission was not disclosed until today. They were assisted by county police and game wardens familiar with the territory.

Signed "One of the Gang," the letter to the Postmaster said: "Ed. Bremer is now resting in peace. Was by accident bumped off. Body near Anoka, Minn., will not be found until after snow goes. Contact all off. Please forgive us. A mistake by one of our gang. Been drunk. Please tell Walter McGee, St. Paul."

It was headed "To a Federal Officer."

Anxiety over Bremer was heightened by the death threat which was contained in the first and only note from the kidnapers left at the rear of the office of Mr. McGee, a contractor who is a friend of the Bremers, and the fact that the customary second note with instructions for paying the ransom was never received.

Adolph Bremer, father of the victim in seclusion at his home.

nervous condition brought on by a two-year-old illness aggravated by worry over his son's life, was attended yesterday by a physician. He was represented as being much better today. Edward Bremer's wife likewise was in seclusion and no comment was forthcoming from her.

Keenan Fears Killing

A theory that the thirty-seven-year-old head of the Commercial State Bank might have been killed was voiced by Joseph B. Keenan, Assistant Attorney General at Washington. "In the Bremer case we may have the misfortune of experiencing another Lindbergh situation," Mr. Keenan said. Explaining that the Department of Justice was exerting every effort to co-operate with the elder Bremer's request for law enforcement agencies to assist in their attempts to apprehend the kidnapers until his son was safely returned, he added: "Meanwhile we are attempting to keep negotiations secret."

Mr. Keenan appealed to newspapers to suppress details until the victim should have been freed. Police chief Thomas Dahill has given assurance that there will be no need to worry over Bremer's safety until after "Sunday or Monday," adding "he is confident that the missing banker is O. K."

Magee, named as contact man, is ready to turn over that \$200,000 in old \$5, \$10 and \$20 bills not numbered consecutively. It was he who received an anonymous telephone message just after 10 a. m. on Wednesday when Bremer disappeared after leaving his eight-year-old daughter, Betty, at the exclusive Summit Girls' School.

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Bremer's Head Scarred  
by Beating by Gang  
of Abductors

EYES KEPT BOUND

St. Paul, Feb. 8. — (AP) — Ransomed with an unannounced amount of money, Edward G. Bremer, seized by kidnapers for \$200,000 on January 17, was at home today after a twenty-two-day imprisonment in an unlocated hide-out.

Wounds on the head, which he had suffered when spirited away by the gang, were healed, Dr. Joseph Sprafka said, though the victim is weak, exhausted, and "very, very nervous."

Dr. Sprafka was summoned soon after the son of Adolph Bremer, wealthy brewer, had returned home after being thrown out of a car on a highway near or at Rochester, Minn., about eighty-five miles south of here, last night. Dr. Sprafka said a ransom had been paid, but he did not know how much.

## Freed About 8 P. M.

Three men in a small sedan, members of the gang of six or seven which held the president and owner of the Commercial State Bank prisoner, freed him about 8 o'clock last night.

A possible clue to the gang was given by Douglas Street, 33, chauffeur for Dr. Waltman-Walters, Mayo Clinic physician at Rochester. Street said he saw two well-dressed men in an automobile bearing a New York license at Lewiston, Minn., about 3 A. M. today. Lewis-

## FREED



EDWARD G. BREMER

St. Paul banker, kidnapped on January 17, was released by his abductors last night

## Bremer Is Freed, Captive 22 Days

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ton is thirty-seven miles east of Rochester.

Walter Magee, wealthy contractor friend of the family, was the intermediary who delivered the ransom. Full details of the delivery were not disclosed though it was learned Magee had taken from the pocket of a small coupe a note from the kidnapers, standing with his back to the curb while reading the communication.

After replacing the note in the pocket of the car, Magee then set two "bundles of money" on the seat. It was presumed the ransom was wrapped in two large cardboard suit boxes tied with heavy cord in accordance with the gang's earlier instructions.

It was not disclosed when or where the payment was made, nor what the instructions were. In view of the family's earlier statements that they were ready and eager

to pay the full ransom the view was taken in some quarters that the entire \$200,000 was turned over to the captors.

L. J. Mosher, ticket agent at Rochester for the Chicago North Western Railroad, said today he was positive the man who purchased a ticket for Owatonna from him last night was Bremer.

Merrit Horn, a cab driver at Rochester, declared he was certain he drove Bremer from the bus depot to the railroad station after the victim had learned he would be unable to get a bus out of there for St. Paul that night.

The banker, friends said, took a bus from Rochester to St. Paul, then went to his father's home in a taxicab.

Friends said his eyes had been bound during the entire time of his imprisonment.

First announcement of his release was made by Werner Hanni, chief of the Department of Justice of- fice.

## Asked About Busses

Howard McGonn and Mrs. Jennie Haight, employees in the bus depot at Rochester, were believed to have been the first persons to see the banker after his release.

He entered the depot, they said about 8 P. M., yesterday, asking about bus connections with the Twin Cities. They told him he had missed the last bus that night to the Twin Cities, but that he could take a train to Owatonna, nearby, and catch a bus there.

Bremer was quoted as saying he couldn't do that. McGonn and Mrs. Haight, paid no particular attention to the unshaven stranger, who appeared dazed, they said, and did not know he was the long-sought St. Paul banker.

As soon as Bremer returned home, Chief of Police Thomas Dahill, Inspector of Detectives Charles Tierney and Detective Tom Brown, of the St. Paul police department rushed to the Adolph Bremer home.

They with Federal investigators, immediately began questioning the banker. No one else was permitted to enter the yard, guarded by police and Federal operatives.

M. F. Kinkead, Ramsey County attorney, came to the home shortly

MR. NATHAN .....  
MR. TOLSON .....  
MR. CLEGG .....  
MR. COWLEY .....  
MR. EDWARDS .....  
MR. EGAN .....  
MR. QUINN .....  
MR. LESTER .....  
MR. LOCKE .....  
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afterward. The door first was shut in his face. A few minutes elapsed before he was admitted.

At the home with Bremer and his father, were his wife, his daughter, Betty, 8, and his uncle, Otto Bremer, chairman of the Board of the American National Bank and head of the Minnesota Home Owners Loan Corporation. The Bremers, prominent Democrats, steadfastly refused to co-operate with authorities during the banker's imprisonment, feeling at that time any police activity would endanger the victim's life.

### **BREMER CAPTORS FACE BIG U. S. DRIVE**

Washington, Feb. 8.—(AP)—Department of Justice officials indicated today that the search for the abductors of Edward G. Bremer, wealthy St. Paul banker, would be intensified now that he has been returned alive.

This was disclosed as details of the return of Bremer were coming into the office of J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the Division of Investigation of the Justice Department. He would not see newspapermen.

In other kidnap cases, the Department of Justice has not thrown its fullest resources into the search for the kidnapers until the victim was returned.

It has been explained that by giving the kidnapers a chance to return the person abducted, the family is satisfied and additional possibilities for securing information in regard to the identity of the responsible parties is provided.

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# KIDNAP GANG LIKELY TO FREE BREMER SOON

Contact Man Said to Have  
Completed Negotiations with  
Inductors of St. Paul Banker

**\$200,000 RANSOM READY**

Relatives Told Victim Is 'Feel-  
ing Fine'; Death Note Stirs  
Intensive Search for Body

ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 12.—Two  
hundred thousand dollars in five  
black suitcases was held ready to-  
night for the ransom of Edward  
G. Bremer, prominent banker who  
vanished a prisoner of kidnapers  
Wednesday.

There was every indication ne-  
gotiations with kidnapers had been  
completed and that payment of  
the ransom and release of Bremer  
was imminent, despite fears ex-  
pressed in some quarters the  
banker had been killed.

## ENTIRE FAMILY ALERT.

Lights burned all night in the  
homes of various members of the  
Bremer family, which steadfastly  
declined to confirm or deny ru-  
mors that arrangements for pay-  
ing the ransom had been made.

According to these rumors, the  
negotiations were finished tonight  
by Walter McGee, wealthy con-  
tractor and close friend of the  
banker, who received the \$200,000  
from the kidnapers and the threat  
Bremer would be killed unless it  
were made.

McGee was said to have in-  
formed the relatives, after making  
the arrangements, that Bremer is  
alive and "feels fine."

The money for the ransom was  
in the hands of the banker's  
uncle, Otto Bremer, also a banker.

**ALL IN OLD BILLS.** . . . . .  
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napers had ordered that the serial  
numbers be not recorded, it was  
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Delay in paying the ransom  
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of government officers. Although  
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banker's safe return, it was under-  
stood they were extremely active.

## PUBLIC AROUSED.

As hour after hour passed with-  
out the kidnaped man's return,  
public indignation against police  
laxity credited with giving St.  
Paul the title of the kidnaping  
capital of the nation welled over.

Public opinion will find expres-  
sion tomorrow when open inquiry  
into the Police Department's fail-  
ure to rid the city of kidnapers  
and gangsters will be held in the  
office of Mayor William Mahoney.

Government agents, meanwhile,  
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mass and received Communion  
at the Cathedral and later at-  
tended breakfast at Hotel Mil-  
more.

## KIDNAPERS EXPECTED TO RETURN BREMER

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master Robertson of Minneapolis,  
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and that his body would be found  
when the snow melted.

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tant Attorney-General Joseph B.  
Keenan, assigned by President  
Roosevelt to smash the country's  
kidnaping gangs, had expressed  
the belief in Washington the case  
"might develop into another  
Lindbergh situation."

While it was generally agreed  
the ransom money was the only  
motive for the kidnaping, the in-  
vestigators nevertheless delved  
into Bremer's political and busi-  
ness affairs for a possible explana-  
tion.

## BOW WITH BOOTLEGGER.

He is a Democratic leader, and  
his father, Adolph Bremer, is a  
close personal friend of President  
Roosevelt, and head of the  
Schmidt Brewing Company.

It was learned one member of  
the bootleg ring recently with-  
drew his large account from the  
bank with which Otto Bremer is  
associated, after a heated argu-  
ment.

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# SECRET PARLEY ON BREMER

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(Pictures on Page 11)

By THOMAS F. CULLEN,  
International News Service Staff Correspondent

ST. PAUL, Jan. 22.—Department of Justice officials held a secret conference today to determine what course of action should follow in the Government's efforts to restore Edward G. Bremer, kidnaped banker to his family.

The possibility of abandoning the policy of inactivity was indicated when United States Attorney George Sullivan conferred at length with Werner Hanni and Harold Nathan, Federal investigators. Officials declined to discuss the subject of the discussion.

## U. S. HUNTS SANKEY

The Department of Justice in Washington today intensified its search for Vernon J. Sankey, desperado, suspected of complicity in the Bremer kidnaping.

Sankey has been sought since last February in connection with the kidnaping of Charles Boett-

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# FAMILY WAITS RELEASE OF BREMER

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sch, who was released in South Dakota after the payment of a \$60,000 ransom.

In the meantime, 123 hours have elapsed since Bremer was abducted from after leaving his daughter, Betty, at school. No word of any kind has been received concerning his release.

There was every indication that during the long night watch negotiations with the kidnapers had been completed, and that the handing over of the ransom, to be followed by release of Bremer, was imminent.

Nevertheless through the grim silence of the stricken family, who shrouded all their moves in the utmost secrecy, fear still persisted that perhaps the banker had already been killed.

The memory of the Brooke Hart kidnaping in California, in which the young victim was brutally slain before the kidnapers even made a contact with his parents to demand a huge ransom, was vivid in the thoughts of the agonized relatives here.

According to reports, negotiations for Bremer's release had been completed by Walter McGee, wealthy contractor and close friend of the banker, who received the \$200,000 ransom demand and the threat that Bremer would be killed unless it were met.

## REPORTED ALIVE

McGee was said to have informed the relatives after making the arrangements, that Bremer is alive and "feels fine."

The money for the ransom was in the hands of the banker's uncle, Otto Bremer, also a banker and the head of the Minnesota Home Owners Loan Corporation. It was in old \$5, \$10, and \$20 bills, as directed by the kidnapers. Although the kidnapers had ordered that the serial numbers should not be recorded, it was regarded as certain that the recording had been made. The kidnapers' demand that the serial numbers be non-consecutive, however, was met.

Delay in paying the ransom and releasing Bremer, it was believed, was caused by the activity of government officers. Although they were trying to avoid any interference that would prevent the banker's safe return, it was understood the Federal men were extremely active.

As hour after hour passed without the kidnaped man's return, public indignation against the police laxity credited with winning for St. Paul the title of "the kidnaping capital of the nation" welled over.

Public opinion was to find expression today as open inquiry into the Police Department's failure to rid the city of kidnapers and gangsters was held in the office of Mayor William Mahoney.

Because of the known interest of President Roosevelt, observers predict that the hearing may result in a shake-up of the Police Department.

While the eyes of the country were turned upon the case today, the police apparently were doing little or nothing to capture the kidnapers and free their victim. Their inactivity was explained by the assertion that the officers did not want to hinder negotiations by the family.

Chief of Police Thomas Dahill blandly announced that Bremer is "undoubtedly safe." The chief added that "there is no need to start worrying."

Government agents, meanwhile, had raced to Anoka County, 20 miles north of here, to conduct an intensive search on the theory that Bremer might be dead.

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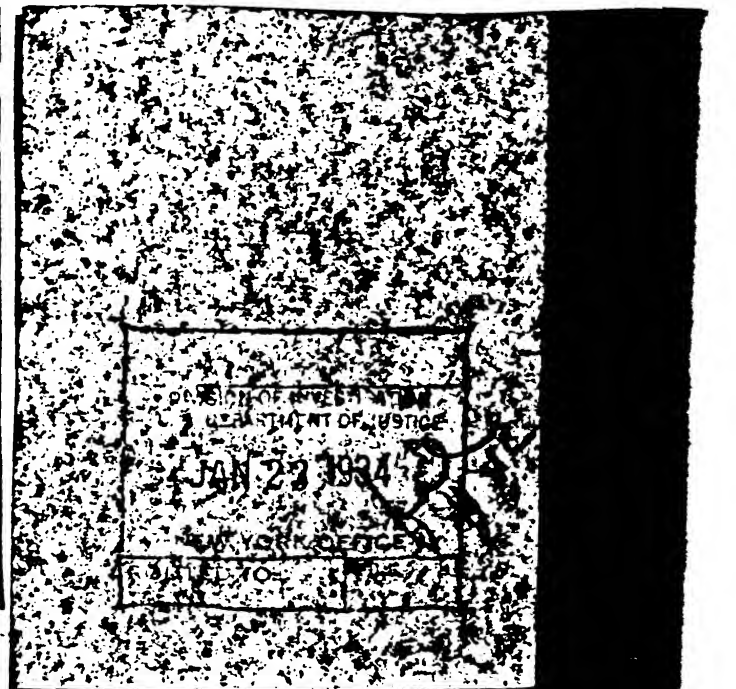
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## White House Denies Bremer Case Order Sent by Roosevelt

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—President Roosevelt has ordered extraordinary Federal activity in the Bremer kidnaping case, stated at the White House.

There are standing orders the Department of Justice explained, that Federal officers will give full and immediate operation to local officers in kidnaping cases, and this was in the Bremer case.

Reports from St. Paul that President had sent telegrams directing Federal activity in the case were denied at the White House.



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## 'Big-Time' Gang Indicated in Bremer Kidnaping

The following article is written by Thomas F. Cullen, former Department of Justice agent who worked on some of the important kidnaping cases handled by the Federal Government.

By THOMAS F. CULLEN,  
International News Service Staff  
Correspondent.  
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ST. PAUL, Jan. 22.—Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker who was kidnaped five days ago, will be returned unharmed, according to all indications today.

A group of "big time" operators of the kidnap racket abducted the wealthy Bremer.

A ransom equal to the largest ever paid in this country, however, will have to be paid to gain his release.

There will be no long drawn out negotiations with the mob who grabbed him.

The terms have been laid down tersely and determinedly.

And today it appeared from all the facts available here that the gang meant exactly what it said when \$200,000 was demanded.

The fact that he had not been returned and no contacts had been made with the abductors since their first pointed message to Bremer's friend, Walter W. Magee, was interpreted to mean only that the kidnapers want to let worry and anxiety do their deadly work on the family's psychology.

Bloodstains on the front seat of the automobile Bremer was driving gave rise to the theory that some harm had befallen him, but this could be accounted for by the fact that he is a young man of excellent physical condition, inclined to be athletic, and not the type to submit to capture without putting up strong resistance.

He either struck one of the kidnapers or was himself hit in a struggle.

Certainly he could not have been seriously hurt if he was able to place his handwriting on the note to Magee.

And it is very doubtful that the resistance took place after the note was written.

There would have been little point in his signing the letter and then starting the fight in the car.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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# FAMILY WAITS RELEASE OF BREMER

*N.Y. Journal 1-22-34*  
Plan Completed to

Pay Over \$200,000;

Death Still Hinted

(Pictures on Page 11)

ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 22.—As dawn broke over this city, the release of Edward G. Bremer, wealthy banker held by kidnapers since last Wednesday, was expected hourly.

Lights burned in the homes of members of the Bremer family. They had been burning all night.

In five black suitcases \$200,000 in bills of small denomination was ready for payment of the ransom.

There was every indication that during the long night watch negotiations with the kidnapers had been completed, and that the handing over of the ransom, to be followed by release of Bremer, was imminent.

## DEATH STILL FEARED.

Nevertheless through the grim silence of the stricken family, who shrouded all their moves in the utmost secrecy, fear still persisted that perhaps the banker had already been killed.

The memory of the Brooke Hart kidnaping in California, in which the young victim was brutally slain before the kidnapers even made a contact with his parents to demand a huge ransom, was vivid in the thoughts of the agonized relatives here.

According to reports, negotiations for Bremer's release had been completed by Walter McGee, wealthy contractor and close friend of the banker, who received the \$200,000 ransom demand and the threat that Bremer would be killed unless it were met.

## REPORTED ALIVE.

McGee was said to have informed the relatives after making the arrangements, that Bremer is alive and "feels fine."

The money for the ransom was in the hands of the banker's uncle, Otto Bremer, also a bank-

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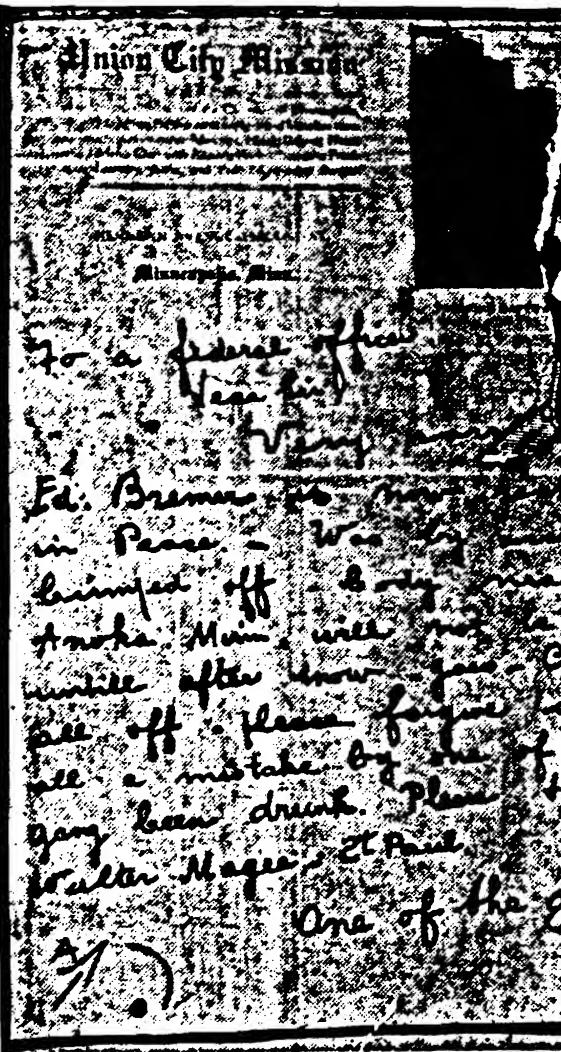
Only Witness

Mysterious Death No



## JAMES QUINEHAN

He was delivering milk near spot where Edward G. Bremer was kidnaped in St. Paul, Minn., and saw kidnap gang's car.



## LETTER SENT TO POSTMASTER

Here's the note, signed by "One of the" that reported the "accidental" slaying of Bremer. It was mailed to Postmaster W. C. Roberts, Minneapolis.

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\$200,00

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and the head of the M. Home Owners Loan Corp. It was in old \$5, \$10, and \$20 bills, as directed by the kidnapers, though the kidnapers had said that the serial numbers not be recorded, it was re as certain that the records been made. The kidnapers demanded that the serial numbers non-consecutive, however, met.

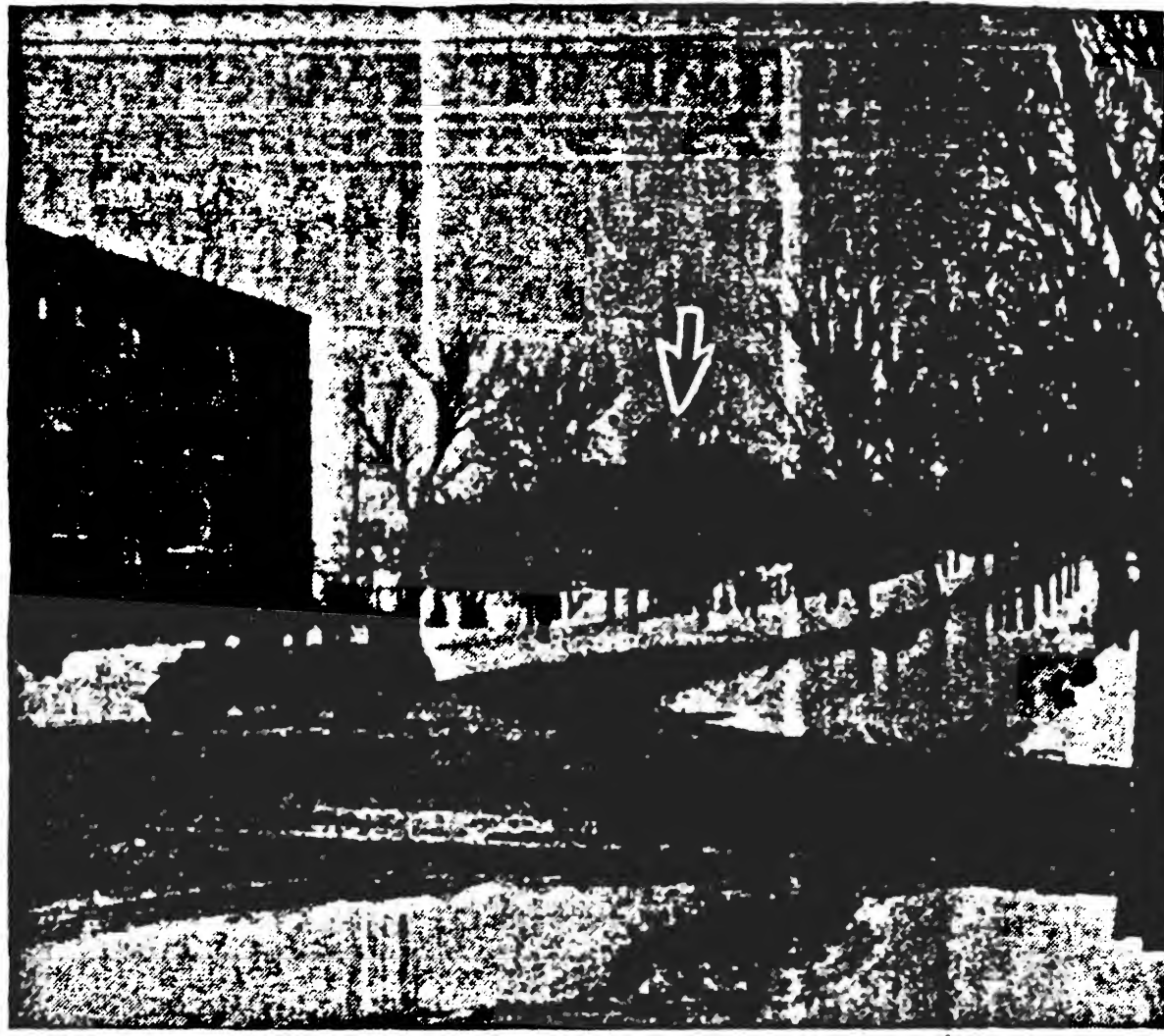
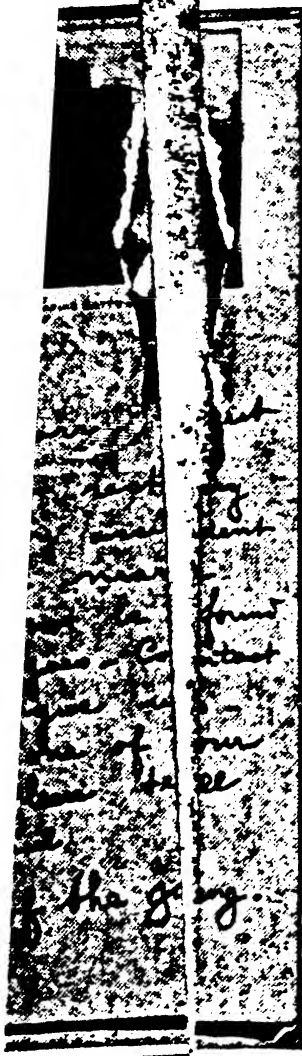
Delay in paying the ransom releasing Bremer, it was believed, was caused by the activity of government officers. Although they were trying to avoid any incident that would prevent the banker's safe return, it was understood the Federal men were extremely active.



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# And Scene of \$200,000 Bremer Kidnaping



POSTMASTER  
by "One of The Gang,"  
slaying of Bremer.  
W. C. Robertson, of

HOW RANSOM GANG TRAPPED HEIR  
This large sedan blocking off half of  
icy street, indicates manner in which gang  
forced Bremer's car to stop so they could  
force him out of it. In rear (arrow) is the

Summit School, to which Bremer had just  
taken his daughter, Betty, 8. Pictures  
from International News Photograph  
Service.

## emer Release Awaited; \$200,000 in Readiness

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assertion that the officers did  
want to hinder negotiations

blantly announced that Bremer is  
"undoubtedly safe." The chief  
added that "there is no need to  
start worrying."

Government agents, mean-  
while, had raced to Anoka Coun-  
ty, 20 miles north of here, to con-  
duct an intensive search on the  
theory that Bremer might be dead.

This action resulted from the  
crude note received by Postmaster  
W. C. Robertson of Minneapolis,  
informing him that Bremer had  
been accidentally killed by a  
drunken member of the kidnaping  
gang, and that his body would be  
found when the snow melted.

The note bore an A-shaped dia-  
gram, presumed to represent roads  
that bounded the territory in  
which the body had been left.

### CLUE HILL SEEN.

While it was suspected that the  
note was the work of a crank, the  
search was ordered after Assistant  
Attorney General Joseph B. Ke-  
nan, assigned by the President to  
smash the country's kidnaping  
gangs, had expressed belief in  
Washington that the case "might  
develop into another Lindbergh  
situation."

Finding of an abandoned auto-  
mobile of expensive make, two  
blocks from the place where  
Bremer was kidnaped, was an-  
other highlight. The car, which  
bore stolen license plates, had  
been hidden in an alley behind an  
apartment building.

Authorities suspect that the  
car may have been one in which  
some of the kidnapers rode, and  
that they abandoned it for an-  
other car to avoid being traced.

The kidnaped man's father, se-  
cluded in his mansion, was in so  
serious a condition from worry

# HUNT FOR BREMER BY FEDERAL MEN COVERS 350 MILES

Search Is Made as the Result  
of a Death Note Received  
Yesterday.

POLICE THEN MINIMIZED IT

Site of Spot Marked on Dia-  
gram as Hiding Place of  
Body Sought in Vain.

By The Associated Press.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 21.—Possibility that Edward Bremer, kidnaped St. Paul banker, had been slain resulted in the dispatch of a squad of Federal agents to Anoka County, it was revealed today, to assist local authorities in an intensive search of the area.

The postmaster of Minneapolis yesterday received an anonymous note informing him Bremer had been "bumped off" in that vicinity, but local police were at first inclined to discount the "tip."

Whether fresh information had been obtained leading to reversal of their opinion was not disclosed.

Anoka, county seat of Anoka County, is 20 miles from Minneapolis.

In the lower left hand corner of the note, penned in ink on stationery of the Union City Mission in Minneapolis, was what might have been a rough diagram of three roads, the printed letter "A" and a curved line.

The searchers investigated particularly any suspicious irregularities in surface snow.

## Local Officers in Search.

Both banks of the Mississippi River which flows through the district likewise were being scrutinized on the theory the curved line may have been meant to represent it.

As dusk began to fall tonight about 350 miles of territory had been covered without result.

The Federal agents, whose forces here have been greatly augmented since the kidnapping, were sent to Anoka late yesterday to organize the search, but word of their mission was not disclosed until today. They were assisted by county police and game wardens familiar with the territory.

Signed by "One of the Gang," the letter to the postmaster said: "Ed Bremer is now resting in peace. Was by accident bumped off. Body near Anoka, Minn. Will not be found until after snow goes. Contact all off. Please forgive us. All a mistake by one of our gang. Been drunk. Please tell Walter McGee, St. Paul."

It was headed "to a Federal Officer."

W. C. Robertson, Minneapolis postmaster, yesterday received a note through the mails saying Bremer has been "bumped off" through accident and because one of the gang has "been drunk." It was unstamped and was signed "One of the Gang."

## Anxiety for Bremer Grows

Anxiety for Bremer's life was heightened in the face of the death threat in the first and only note from the kidnapers left at the rear of the office of Walter McGee, wealthy St. Paul contractor and friend of the Bremers, and the fact the customary second note with instructions for paying the ransom has not been received.

Adolph Bremer, father of the victim, in seclusion at his home in a serious nervous condition brought

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# NOTE OF BREMER'S BODY

Continued From Page One.

on by a two-year-old illness aggravated by worry over his son's life, was attended yesterday by a physician. He was represented as being much better today. Edward Bremer likewise was in seclusion and no comment was forthcoming from either.

Darkness put a halt to the Anoka authorities' investigation though they planned to resume activities tomorrow. Bremer is returned.

A third son Bremer might have been slain, it was voiced last night by J. J. Keenan, Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Department of Justice Division of Criminal Investigation.

"We may have the department experiencing another situation," he said in a statement.

Department of Justice is making every effort to locate Bremer's body. Keenan added that enforcement agencies are attempting to apprehend the kidnapers until his son was released. Keenan added:

"Minneapolis are attempting to keep the matter secret."

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# LIKENS CASE TO MURDER OF LINDBERGH SON

More Than 100 Hours of  
Silence by Kidnapers  
Strengthens Theory.

FAMILY HOPEFUL

Federal Agents and Police  
Comb 'Death Scene'  
for Body.

ST. PAUL, Jan. 21.—More than 100 hours of silence by the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer tonight added credence to the theory that the wealthy banker has been slain.

While the family anxiously awaited contact with the abductors, Joseph B. Keenan, Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Division of Criminal Prosecution of the Justice Department, said in Washington, he believed Bremer is dead.

Keenan, who was prominently identified in the investigation of the Lindbergh and Urschel kidnappings, declared: "In the Bremer case we may have the misfortune of experiencing another Lindbergh situation."

Territory Is Searched.

Meanwhile, Federal agents and local authorities began an intensive search of the territory around Anoka, where, according to an anonymous note received yesterday by the postmaster of Minneapolis, Bremer was "bumped off" by the kidnap gang through mistake.

Although authorities branded the note the work of a crank, the search heightened hopes for early information about the missing man's fate. Anoka is 30 miles from Minneapolis.

Both banks of the Mississippi River, which flows through the district, likewise were scrutinized. At dusk, more than 350 miles of territory had been traversed without result.

The family fought against the waning of confidence while hour after hour passed without further word from the gang which seized Bremer last Wednesday and demanded \$200,000 ransom for his release.

Police Chief Comments.

The usual second note signed by the victim has not been received. Chief of Police Thomas Dahill, however, yesterday gave the assurance there would be no need to worry over Bremer's safety until "after Sunday or Monday." He said he was convinced Bremer "was O. K."

Adolph Bremer, father of the kidnaped man and a personal friend of President Roosevelt, remained in seclusion. He was said to be in a serious nervous condition, but continued to direct the hunt for his son.

All were hopeful for renewed contact with the captors, who continued reticent to move in face of the apparent inactivity of police and Federal agents. A well-authenticated source yesterday said contact would be established either last night or today in Minneapolis.

Ready to Turn Over Ransom.

Walter Magee, wealthy friend of the Bremers, and named as contact man, was ready to turn over the \$200,000. It was Magee who received an anonymous telephone message shortly after 10 A. M. last Wednesday when Bremer disappeared after leaving his 8-year-old daughter, Betty, at the exclusive Summit Girls' School.

At the rear of Magee's office, a typewritten note, signed by Bremer in a shaky scrawl, was found. In it the kidnapers threatened death and demanded \$200,000. The Bremer automobile was discovered about a mile from the place the note said it would be found, in an outlying residential

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MR. CLEGG .....  
MR. COWLEY ....  
MR. EDWARDS ..  
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MR. RORER .....

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## VICTIM'S WIFE AND NEW KIDNAP NOTE



### U. S. SLEUTH FEARS BREMER WAS SLAIN

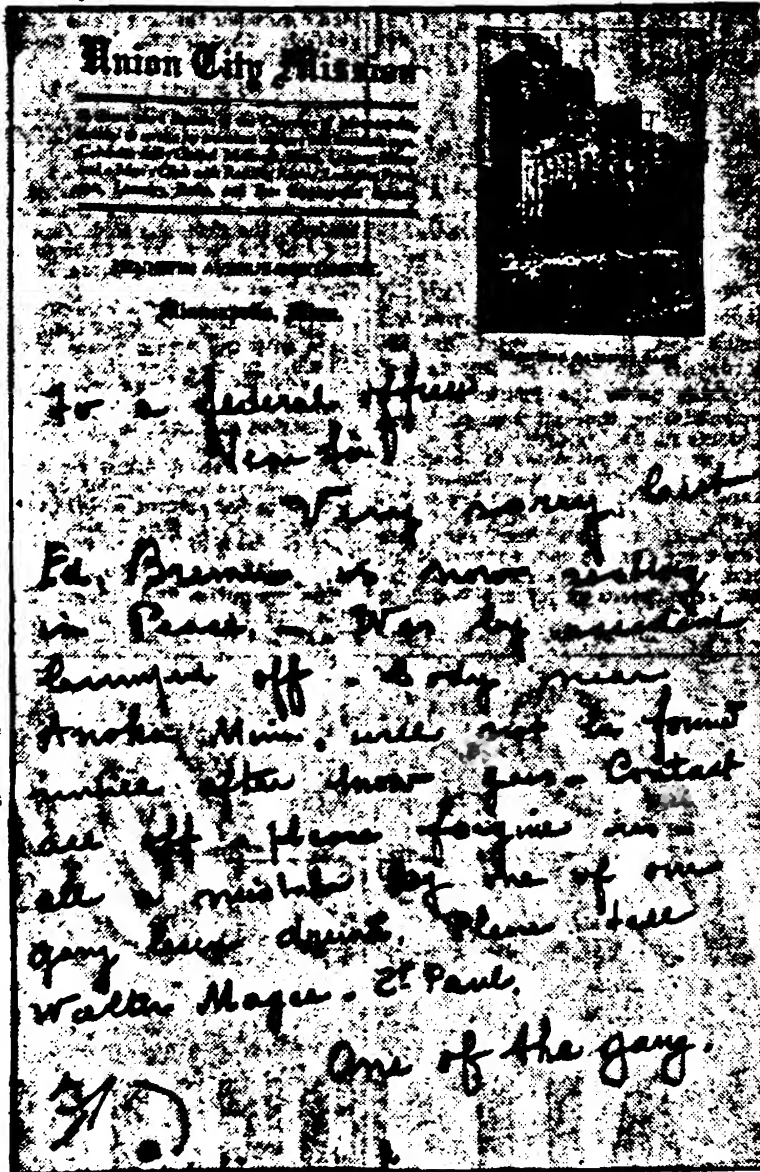
Keenan Likens Case to  
Abduction and Murder  
of Lindy's Son.

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district, spotted with blood on both front and rear seats.

Police today also sifted the story of an unidentified youth living near the missing banker's home, that on January 12 or 13 he saw two strange automobiles apparently shadowing Bremer. One of the cars was behind and the other in front of the banker's automobile as he drove to the bank.

The youth said he heard Bremer was being guarded against kidnapers and assumed the two cars were protecting him.



At top left is Mrs. Edward G. Bremer, wife of the St. Paul banker kidnaped and held for \$200,000 ransom; at right is a facsimile of the newest "kidnap note," claiming Bremer was slain by mistake.

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# THE MINNEAPOLIS JOURNAL

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WEATHER

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### Bank Reports Notable Spurt In N.W. Trade

Freight Loadings Make Best Gain in 13 Years, Business Summary Says

10 PER CENT ADVANCE REGISTERED IN STORES

CWA Funds Credited With Having Direct Part in Increasing Volume

Notable increases in business were recorded in the northwest in December, the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis said today in its preliminary summary of business and agricultural conditions in the ninth federal reserve district. Following are some of the increases recorded:

Miscellaneous freight carloadings index rose from 61 in November to 75 in December, the sharpest gain in the 13 years such records have been kept by bank, which brought the index up to the July level.

Index of less than carload freight movement rose from 60 to 63.

Business generally was ahead of December, 1932.

Index of bank debits advanced from 52 to 54 and country check clearings from 77 to 83.

December sales for the larger group of stores were 10 per cent ahead of December, 1932.

Increases over December, 1932, were recorded in freight movement of grain and grain products, building contracts, marketing of cattle and calves and forest products.

"The volume of business in the district turned upward in December," the report said, "owing in part to the direct or indirect effects of government funds flowing into the district from the activities of the civil works administration and loans made by the farm credit ad

### Death Fear Causes Judge to Delay Dr. Wynekoop's Trial

New Jersey Coed Named Queen at Wisconsin Prom



CATHERINE BAILLIE OF Rutherford, N. J., is junior prom queen this year at the University of Wisconsin. Her sorority is Kappa Kappa Gamma.

### Milk Men to Scan Wallace License Plan

Court Names Physicians to Investigate "Perilous" Condition

Chicago, Jan. 19.—(AP)—Dr. Alice L. Wynekoop was carried into court today in such a serious physical condition, her physicians said, that her murder trial was postponed until next Monday.

Judge Joseph B. David promptly appointed two heart specialists, Drs. Francis McNally and Arthur Byfield, to examine the 62-year-old defendant and determine whether her condition is such that the trial should continue.

Condition Called Perilous Two other physicians examined her in the county jail infirmary last night and announced her condition was "very perilous."

Dr. Wynekoop suffered momentary heart attacks, in most instances remedied in a few minutes by stimulants, several times during the trial.

Her weakness today recalled the elderly woman's physician's statement at the time of her arrest that:

"It doesn't matter what happens to me; I won't live long anyway."

Defendant Insistent

She announced determination, however, to remain on trial, coming to court today with a pulse of 100 and temperature of 99.6.

From the first day of the trial, Dr. Catherine Wynekoop, daughter of the defendant, had stayed by her side, keeping her fingers almost constantly on her mother's pulse.

Several times the younger doctor expressed doubt over whether Dr. Alice could last out the trial.

Death in Court Feared

Defense Attorney W. W. Smith said he refused to take the responsibility of keeping his client on trial.

"Can you blame me?" he asked. "She may die of a stroke at any moment."

Assistant State's Attorney Charles S. Dougherty would not concur with Smith in asking postponement. Dismissing the matter with

### F.R.R. Huge S Of Wa

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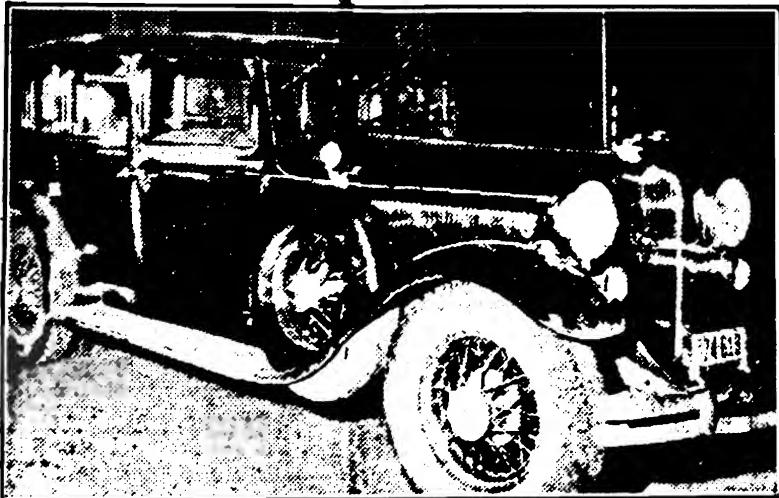
PRICE TWO CENTS IN MINNEAPOLIS

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BREMER'S BLOODSTAINED AUTO



### Law Lobbyist Ban Approved By Roosevelt

President Favors Bill to In-  
clude Members of  
Both Parties

Washington, Jan. 19.—(P)—Presi-  
dent Roosevelt was reported reli-  
ably today to be ready to sanction  
far-reaching legislation barring law-  
lobby activities in Washington by  
politicians.  
This became known as the legis-  
lation took form on Capitol Hill in  
the wake of the President's declara-  
tion against party members com-  
ing to Washington to set up law  
offices.  
The White House position, how-  
ever, was understood to be that any  
legislation should be comprehensive  
enough to include all such practices.  
Democratic leaders are pointing out  
that members of the republican na-  
tional committee and others high  
in the republican party councils  
have maintained and are maintain-

BLOODSTAINS ON THE  
seats and floorboard of this  
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thorities to believe Edward G.  
Bremer, wealthy young St. Paul  
broker, met rough treatment at  
the hands of his abductors when  
e was seized and carried away  
for \$200,000 ransom Wednes-  
day. The car was found des-  
erted in the Highland Park  
district of St. Paul.

### City May Get Legal Drink In 2 Weeks

Council Action Forecast by  
Next Friday With Quick  
Licensing

A liquor control ordinance will be  
ready for submission to the city  
council at its meeting a week from  
today, and will be passed in time  
to permit legal sale of liquor the  
following week, members of the  
council's liquor control committee  
declared today.  
Only the fact that a few alder-

### Nathan, Hoover Aid, Arrives to Push U. S. Drive on Kidnapers

Father Pleads With Police to Retire From  
Case to Allow Payment of \$200,000  
Ransom

PLANE ON WAY FROM TEXAS WITH  
BLAKE, URSCHER INVESTIGATOR

Detectives Believe Abductors Slugged St.  
Paul Banker, Then Dragged Him  
From Auto

Pictures on Page 9

Discovery of bloodstains in the automobile from which Edward  
G. Bremer was dragged by kidnapers, who are demanding \$200,000  
for his release, today indicated the St. Paul banker had put up a fight  
before he was overcome and brought fear to his family that he may  
have been seriously injured.

While the Bremer family pleaded with police and government  
officials to retire from the case and allow them to pay the ransom  
and insure the return of the 37-year-old banker, son of Adolph  
Bremer, wealthy brewer and capitalist, reports from Washington to  
The Journal indicated the department of justice is spreading an un-  
paralleled dragnet for the kidnapers.

"The director of the bureau of investigation can be quoted as say-  
ing the government will send as many men as are needed to investi-  
gate this case," said Sam Cowley, assistant to J. Edgar Hoover, chief  
of the bureau.

Asked how many men were being sent, Mr. Cowley repeated that  
"as many as are needed will be used."

Ace Federal Agent Arrives at St. Paul;  
Other Picked Operatives Also on Job

"Is there any possibility that either Mr. Hoover or yourself will

ministration.

#### Freight Shows Wide Gain

The most noteworthy development was a general stimulus to the movement of heavy commodities in the district, represented by miscellaneous freight carloadings of northwestern railroads, which showed much less than the customary seasonal decrease in December from the November totals. As a result, the adjusted index rose from 61 in November to 75 in December.

"Freight traffic officials of northwestern railroads report the increase in miscellaneous traffic over last year's December volume has been general, affecting such widely diversified products as paint, shovels, mining machinery, green fruit, potatoes and sugar beets. The index of the movement of l.c.l. freight increased from 60 in November to 63 in December, which was the highest figure since January, 1933. The adjusted index of bank debits increased from 52 in November to 54 in December. The country check clearings index increased from 77 in November to 83 in December. Neither of these latter indexes recovered to the level of mid-summer.

"Business in the district was in larger volume in December than in the corresponding month last year. Bank debits were 13 per cent larger on a daily average basis and the increase was general, for 58 cities out of 93 reporting, experienced increases. The country check clearings index was 23 per cent higher in December than in the same month last year.

#### CWA Fund Spur Sales

"City department stores reported a definite improvement in trade in December from the level of November and attributed a considerable portion of the increase to the spending of civil works administration payroll funds. It will be recalled that department store sales in November were 3 per cent smaller than in November a year ago. In December, sales (of a larger group of stores) were 10 per cent greater than sales in December last year. Inasmuch as December is the most active month in department store sales, this increase takes on added significance.

"Other increases in December as compared with the same month last year occurred in the freight movement of grains and grain products, forest products, building contracts and marketings of cattle and calves. Decreases as compared with December, 1932, occurred in the freight movement of coal and in building permits, flour shipments, linseed products shipments and marketings of hogs and sheep.

#### Farmer Income Higher

"Cash income to farmers from marketings of important products in December is estimated to be 2 per cent larger than income from these sources in December last year. The increase was entirely due to the higher prices prevailing for cash grains and potatoes.

"The decrease in the prices of dairy products in November brought the farmers' income from dairy products in December down to the level of the same month last year, in spite of a larger physical output. Farm income from the marketing of hogs in December was 25 per cent below the income from this source in December last year, in spite of somewhat higher prices. December prices of all important farm products in the northwest were equal to or higher than prices a year ago, with the exception of butter, hens and eggs."

#### Producers Will Consider System Tomorrow

"Depicting Dairy Problems"—Editorial, Page 14

Representatives of Twin City milk distributors and producers will meet at the office of the Twin City Milk Producers Association tomorrow to consider the new licensing system for milk distribution that has been submitted by Secretary of Agriculture H. A. Wallace to displace the present milk code governing the area.

#### Code Goes Out February 1

The present code, which fixes retail prices of milk at 9 cents a quart and prices to farmers at \$1.75 a hundred pounds, will be canceled February 1, and in its place will be introduced a system which will fix a price to be paid the farmers and also a price for retail sales below which retailers will not be permitted to cut. Retailers will be permitted to sell as much above the fixed minimum as competition permits, but if retail prices become excessive, the secretary reserves the right under the new licensing system to step in and adjust them.

#### Four Classes Provided

Producers and distributors, however, have no fears about excessive prices being charged, but believe that with retailers free to make their own prices above the minimum prescribed that milk prices will result, with no fixed retail prices and accompanying demoralization of the market.

At the conference tomorrow the licensing agreement submitted by Secretary Wallace will be considered. If accepted, every distributor

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#### Mrs. Olesen Resigns From Northfield P.O.

Mrs. Anna Dickie Olesen resigned today as postmaster at Northfield, took the oath of office as state director of the national emergency council, and prepared to start work at once at her new job.

She came to Minneapolis today to open offices in the federal building

#### Sterilize Intelligent, Not Morons, Says McGill Psychologist

Special to The Journal

Montreal, Jan. 19. Professor W. F. Tait, head of the department of psychology of McGill University, has contributed a new angle to the controversy over the merits of sterilization.

"If you wish to cure the ills of society by sterilization," he said, "you should start with the over-intelligent. The worst crimes, the most widespread blights, are not caused by subnormal or mental defectives, but by intelligent people."

"Child labor, sweatshops, religious, political and racial persecution, stock manipulation, bank delinquencies, graft at the expense of the country, intrigues and high grade murder, war and its horrors, are not caused by the morons, but by the intelligent."

may live ten years, or she may drop dead in 10 minutes."

Another "Vision" Reported

Before the meeting of the court, a reported "confession" by John Van Pelt, janitor at the Wynekoop home, the slaying of Dr. Alice's daughter-in-law, Rheta, caused Judge David to order all newspapers kept from the courtroom.

The judge also ordered bailiffs to take precautions against the jury seeing any newspaper headlines while going from the court to their quarters in the nearby county jail. Both prosecution and defense said they had "heard reports" of the confession, but insisted that so far as they knew it had not been made to anyone in authority.

Previously during the trial, how-

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borned their "grand jury." Meanwhile, another reservation to the treaty, offered today, Senator J. H. L. (Ill.), offering one half Michigan is not an international boundary water.

"It is hereby declared," reservation said, "that Michigan is now and at during the existence of the States of America has American lake wholly jurisdiction of the United States and in no wise within the jurisdiction of any foreign national government."

The administration word today that ended President Roosevelt's dollar bill by Tuesday is

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## Seven Convicts Scale Wall, Escape Under Guards' Fire

### Two Who Fled With Bailey Flee Again Kansas Troops Join Manhunt

Lansing, Kan., Jan. 19. —(P)—Seven convicts, including Bob (Big Boy) Brady and Jim Clark who participated in the sensational break last Memorial day, escaped from the Kansas penitentiary here today under the fire of guards and are being hunted by National Guardsmen and scores of heavily armed civilian officers.

The men scaled the south wall of the prison with an improvised ladder shortly before 7 a.m., after overpowering Clyde Deer, a guard, in the cell block where they were working. Deer was unharmed.

Two guards on the wall fired on the fleeing prisoners in the darkness and expressed the belief that some of the convicts may have been wounded.

#### Fugitives Flee Into Woods

The fugitives were unarmed and fled on foot toward the wooded country along the Missouri river.

Prison guards, peace officers of Leavenworth and other nearby cities, and federal agents, took up the man-hunt.

Milton R. McClean, adjutant general of the Kansas national guard, ordered out batteries of artillery at Fort Scott and Iola and troops of cavalry from Pleasanton and Coffeyville to guard against the convicts gaining outlaw retreats in Oklahoma.

Brady and Clark were among the 11 prisoners who escaped last Memorial day under the leadership of Wilbur Underhill, now dead, and

Harvey Bailey, now serving term in nearby Leavenworth penitentiary for participation in a \$200,000 ransom abduction of Charles F. Urschel, Oklahoma millionaire.

The others who escaped were Benjamin Young, Tom Mahan, Frank Delmar, and Charles Clifton McArthur.

Guards reported the scattered as they fled.

Oklahoma Border Guards in the belief that they would head for the Cooks of Oklahoma—familiar Brady and Clark—O. P. Reintendant of the Oklahoma criminal bureau, and two left Oklahoma City for Oklahoma, armed with guns.

He said Oklahoma Guardsmen would be called aid was needed.

There were unconfirmed convicts, had been seen near Cott and Victory Junction, from the prison.

The family of J. E. Birt, southeast of the prison, strange motorcar stood hours near their farm and 7 a.m. yesterday. They did not see it today.

Two department of justice from Kansas City joined in because Brady is under on a charge of conspiring slaying of four officers and convict, Frank Nash, at the City union station last

## "Soprano Division" of Congress Musters a Chorus of Nine

Eight gentlewomen of the house and one woman senator give the feminine bloc their greatest legislative power in the 73rd congress. Who they are, what they have done and what they are likely to do is told Dorothy Todd in the Magazine Section of

The Sunday Journal

from practicing law in Washington. Robert H. Jackson of New Hampshire announced his resignation this week as secretary of the democratic national committee after the President declared against party leaders practicing law here.

An early conference is in prospect between Postmaster General James Farley and Arthur Mullen, Nebraska national committeeman and vice-chairman of the national committee, who established a law office here after March 4.

Administration leaders are convinced Mr. Roosevelt wants a clean sweep and in this connection would like to see any legislation include members of congress and government officers who resign to go into private practice here.

### Harrison Fisher, Noted Artist, Dies

New York, Jan. 19.—(AP)—Harrison Fisher, 57, artist, died unexpectedly today in Doctors hospital after an emergency operation last night. Fisher had been ill for four months and was taken to the hospital yesterday. The artist underwent the operation last night. The cause of death was not disclosed.

Fisher, a native of Brooklyn, N. Y., illustrated numerous books and short stories for publications. His work also included portrait painting and etching.

### 113 Warships Will Join War Games

Washington, Jan. 19.—(AP)—Admiral William H. Standley, chief of naval operations, today approved plans submitted by Admiral David F. Sellers, commander-in-chief of the United States fleet, for participation of 113 warships and the dirigible Macon in the spring cruise and maneuvers.

### Mother Tucks 2 Sons Under Arm, Leaps to Death

Tragedy Occurs on Eve of Sailing From Shanghai—Husband Loses Senses

Shanghai, Jan. 19.—(AP)—Mrs. W. S. Grooch of El Paso, Texas, took her two sons, William, 6 years old, and Thomas, 7, one under each arm—and jumped off the roof of an 8-story apartment house today. All three were killed.

Mrs. Grooch was the wife of the operations manager of the Pacific American Airways. Their home was in the apartment building from which she jumped, one of the most fashionable in the French concession.

When he heard of the tragedy, Grooch lost consciousness and is now in a serious condition as a result of the shock. Grooch is one of the leading aviation officials in the Far East.

Authorities learned Mrs. Grooch had been scheduled to sail for the United States tonight to reach the bedside of her father.

measure yesterday, and adopting a recommendation for its adoption by the council, chairman Daniel F. O'Brien, chairman, said.

Copies of the ordinance will be ready for aldermen Tuesday, and final committee consideration will take place immediately. Mr. O'Brien said, clearing the way for council action Friday. There may be some delay before the city is able to issue licenses, but a few places, at least, should be ready for authorized sale a few days after adoption of the ordinance, he said.

Although City Attorney Richard S. Wiggan today began preparation of what was supposed to be a final draft of the proposed liquor control ordinance, it was indicated the measure still has several hurdles to clear before final enactment.

As it now stands, the ordinance would set the on sale license fee at

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### E. S. Dahlberg Is Disbarred

Attorney Who Let Innocent Man Serve Term Scored by Supreme Court

Charging that Erick S. Dahlberg, Minneapolis attorney, had caused an innocent man to serve 19 months imprisonment in the state penitentiary and had embezzled \$170, the Minnesota Supreme Court today declared Dahlberg had "flagrantly dishonored" his profession, and disbarred him from the practice of law in state courts.

The court, in a per curiam decision, charged Dahlberg with embezzling \$170 paid to him by Henry J. Dickey, Minneapolis, for the purpose of turning it over to Dickey's divorced wife, to support his children.

Dickey was arrested April 25, 1930, on a charge of abandonment of minor children. He pleaded not guilty to the charge, asserting he had made the proper payments required by the court to Dahlberg, his attorney.

"He (Dickey) was informed by Dahlberg that Mrs. Dickey had got the money and was yet pressing the charge of abandonment against him," the high court's decision reads. "He was informed that if she were, she would herself be liable criminally for obtaining money under false pretenses.

"Therefore, solely for the chivalrous purpose of shielding the mother of his children, he withdrew his plea of not guilty, substituted one of guilty, and submitted himself to the conviction for a crime of which he was innocent, and suffered imprisonment in the state penitentiary for a period of 19 months."

Later, Dickey was granted a full pardon.

"It is fortunate for respondent (Dahlberg) that, in this proceeding, we can do nothing more than terminate his connection with the profession which he has so flagrantly dishonored. Our power permits us to do nothing more, and the character of respondent's offense permits us to do nothing less. Let judgment be entered forthwith for his disbarment."

to withdraw, so that the ransom could be safely assured.

"Leave us alone to go through this," pleaded. "We want to get our Eddie safe."

While there was no interference with the moment members of the family indulged in all possible efforts had been made to effect the man.

An airplane winged to St. Paul from Frank J. Blake, ace investigator in the other landed from Washington, bringing justice men. It was reported one more en route to St. Paul by train.

Harold Nathan, assistant to Mr. H. department of justice at Washington, arrived with a squad of federal agents. He headed the Hamm case. He immediately went to police authorities.

### Indicates That Bremer Had Been Slugged in His Own Car by Abductors

The government—which did not disclose a kidnap investigation until six weeks ago—was losing no time in this case to "jump" on the investigation from afterward whether it has jurisdiction.

Discovery of bloodstains in the Bremer automobile up until today, although the automobile was found in a ditch.

From authoritative sources, it was learned that there was a smudge of blood and a smeary streak of blood on the seat of the car, which was abandoned on the Highland Park water tower, pointed toward the right hand door. It seemed it meant only one thing: that the car had been slugged by his abductors. Blood traces also.

A careful check of Mr. Bremer's alibi by experts failed to bring any finger prints.

Probably, they reason, kidnapers stopped the automobile as he was driving to his office between 8:30 and 9 a.m., and in the Highland park district. It is probable that the kidnapers stopped his car, machine.

Family Believed to Have Made Hand Waiting Word From Captivity

There were several indications of the wealthiest in St. Paul—had been kidnapped—demands to prepare the ransom of \$5, \$10 and \$20 denominated instructions to deliver the ransom. A learned, the kidnapers had not contacted.

Meanwhile, numerous reports were received from Dr. Russell R. Noice, 1707 Thomsen, that he had seen a man, with blind in the seat of a small coupe which was at Emerson avenue N., yesterday at general characteristics of Mr. Bremer's physician followed the car for several blocks, and saw it swing out onto the street.

George St. Marie, an acquaintance of the family, said he saw two men acting suspiciously in the rear of the car.

"I was bowling with Mr. Bremer yesterday," St. Marie said. "I noticed two strangers in the rear of the car. That isn't the man. It's the Bremer."

St. Marie furnished police with the name of Werner Hanni, chief of the St. Paul police, was posted at the Bremer residence.

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## Bloodstained Car Arouses Fear for Edward Bremer

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River boulevard, today and last night. He refused admittance to reporters and said Mrs. Bremer could not be seen by anyone. The family was spending torturous hours of waiting.

After a fruitless all night vigil, it was reported all preparations are complete for payment of the huge ransom. No attempt to contact Bremer negotiators had been made by the kidnapers, however, up to an early hour.

### Police Activities at Standstill

Pending completion of negotiations, all police activities in the case were at a standstill. Federal, state and city police agencies bided their time at the urgent request of the kidnaped man's father, Adolph Bremer, St. Paul brewer, father and democratic political power — the personal friend of President Roosevelt and Governor Floyd B. Olson. A classified ad in the personal columns of a Minneapolis newspaper, reading "We are ready, Alice," informed the kidnapers the family is ready to begin negotiations for the payment of the ransom. It is reported this signal was arranged for in the ransom demanding note found by Walter W. Magee, St. Paul contractor and friend of Bremer, at the rear door of his office, 118 West Central avenue.

### U. S. Agents Rush to St. Paul

Mr. Bremer, 37 years old and the president and part owner of the Commercial State Bank of St. Paul, was seized by his kidnapers early Wednesday while en route to his office and just after he had left his young daughter, Betty, at exclusive Summit school. His car was found later, abandoned in the Highland park district.

The crime, which definitely established St. Paul as the kidnaping capital of the nation, brought a host of federal department of justice agents to the Twin Cities in a hurry. Without waiting for requests for assistance from either the family or state officials, federal authorities rushed Frank J. Blake, crack agent of the department of justice, here from Texas by airplane. Mr. Blake is the man credited with tracking down the kidnapers of Charles F. Urschel, millionaire Oklahoma oilman.

### Declines to Discuss Case

A number of other department of justice "undercover" agents were reported in the Twin Cities en route here by airplane. When Mr. Blake arrived at Holman airport, St. Paul, he declined to discuss the Bremer case and he disappeared shortly after leaving the flying field.

Although all was in readiness to take up the hunt for the kidnapers at any moment, police acceded to the request of the elder Bremer and awaited developments.

"Wait, don't make any move that will endanger Eddie's life," Mr. Bremer pleaded. "I am sorry the impression has been spread that information has been given to the police. Whatever information has been passed out has been given against my will."

### Maintains All Night Vigil

Chief of Police Thomas Dahill has been fine in offering every

Bremer as the first man to predict he would be president.

A secret conference on the case was conducted at St. Paul police headquarters last night. It was believed Mr. McGee was decided upon definitely as the contact man at that time.

Shortly afterwards, considerable excitement was occasioned around headquarters by the report a contact had been established with the gang. This grew out of the fact that Mr. McGee could not be located for some time after the conference. The report, however, was believed erroneous.

Chief Dahill left his office with two detectives after the conference, his destination unknown. It was believed he received a telephone call from Charles Tierney, captain of detectives and head of the St. Paul kidnaping apprehension squad, who had been absent from headquarters all day. It was learned Tierney will be absent for an "indefinite period."

### Mrs. Bremer in Seclusion

Mrs. Bremer and her 8-year-old daughter, Betty, remained in seclusion at the Bremer home, 92 North Mississippi river boulevard, with a federal department of justice man on guard. It was reported Mrs. Bremer is nervous but is bearing the strain well.

"Mrs. Bremer cannot be seen by anyone," Werner Hanni, chief of the northwest justice department bureau, told reporters. "Betty Bremer doesn't know anything about the case. Her father took her to school Wednesday and left her there and that's all she knows."

Meanwhile, 21,000 Minnesota American Legion members were said to be ready to join in the hunt for Bremer and his kidnapers. Mr. Bremer is a member of St. Paul post, No. 8, as is William Hamm, Jr., member of another St. Paul brewing family who was kidnapped last summer and released on payment of \$100,000 ransom.

### Would Hunt Hideaways

Robert G. Flynn, fourth district Legion commander, and a number of assistants kept long distance telephone wires busy today calling state, district and post commanders, asking them to have their men ready to join in the hunt should they be called upon.

According to the plans of Mr. Flynn, such a hunt would include a search of the environs of every city, village and hamlet in the state in the hope of discovering possible gangster hideaways. Village, city and county authorities will be offered the full manpower of the legion for the formation of posses to run down clues and question sus-

picious strangers wherever they have appeared. Edward W. Carruth of Herrington, Kan., national vicecommander of the legion, who was in St. Paul on a speaking engagement, gave hearty indorsement to the fourth district action.

### Not Seen After Leaving School

Mr. Bremer left his home on the St. Paul river boulevard Wednesday about 8:15 a.m. Riding with him in his car was Betty. They drove down Summit avenue and Mr. Bremer left his daughter at the Summit school, 1150 Goodrich avenue, where she is a pupil in the third grade.

Presumably, the young banker then headed for his office in the St. Paul loop. At the school no one observed anyone following the Bremer car but somewhere along the streets between the school and the Commercial State Bank kidnapers seized him.

Friends said Mr. Bremer ordinarily drove back to Summit avenue from the school and then continued along that street, the main artery into the business section from that district, to Sixth street and from there to Washington street.

### First Word Comes by Phone

The first word of the kidnaping came when a gruff voice spoke over the telephone to Mr. Magee at his office. Obviously the man on the other end of the wire was attempting to disguise his voice.

Mr. Magee tried to stall for time so an office assistant could trace the call but the voice said, "You'll find a note on the back door step containing all you need to know," and then rang off. The note was found and the ad inserted in the newspaper in answer to it. Since that time, no other contacts with the abductors have been had.

Mr. Bremer is a native of St. Paul. He attended George Washington University in Washington, D. C., and in 1919 entered the banking business, starting as a messenger. About 10 years ago he married Miss Emily Esswein of Minneapolis. They have only one child, Betty. Mr. Bremer has one brother, Adolph Bremer, Jr., 855 West Seventh street, St. Paul, and three sisters, Louise Bremer, Mrs. Franklyn H. Matson, 881 Fairmount avenue, St. Paul, and Mrs. Victor Philip Helm of New Ulm.

### Gould to Address Meeting of PTA

Dr. Laurence M. Gould, second in command in the 1927 Byrd expedition and now professor of geology at Carleton college, Northfield, will be the speaker at the meeting of the Minneapolis Central Council of Parent-Teacher Associations today at 8 p.m. in the Citizens Aid building. Chairmen of the various committees of the council will report at the meeting at which Theodore F. Wendland, president, will preside.

Los Angeles police rescued a stray deer from an attack of dogs and took the animal to the police station to be booked as "Jane Doe" under a charge of vagrancy.

## Two More Presidents Will Be Back W

By WILL ROGERS

Beverly Hills, Calif., Jan. 19.—I am sitting about the sixty cent dollar. It looks well taken care of without any expert assistance. So the experiment has already passed in on the front page again, with getting so that's not news. So about two will be back with the want ads. Tammy quake it's had in years. A Mr. Flynn, one of our Presidents, who heretofore only over the whole thing. Tammany dead temporary.

Yours,

## Touhy Jurors' History Aired

100 Veniremen Investigated After Two Are Held on Perjury Charge

Chicago, Jan. 19.—(U.P.)—Secret police of the state's attorney's office studied the histories of 100 veniremen drawn for the kidnaping trial of Roger "the terrible" Touhy and three gangster associates today after two tentative jurors had been trapped in perjuries.

The investigation of the other members of the panel was ordered by State's Attorney Thomas J. Connelley after his investigators had shown that Francis P. Hayes and Russell Brownell, tentatively accepted jurors, had hidden their connection with police records.

Both men were arrested and admitted they had perjured themselves before Judge Michael Feinberg in their efforts to serve on the jury which will hear the state's charges that Touhy, Eddie McFadden, Gus Schaeffer and Albert Kator kidnaped and held John "Jake the Barber" Factor, alleged swindler, for ransom. The state will ask the death penalty.

The arrest of Hayes brought a demand from William Scott Stewart, defense counsel, that the entire panel should be excused. Stewart said he feared the jurors would be prejudiced against him by the occurrences. He denied he or any of his defendants were acquainted with the perjurers. His demand was overruled.

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In ill health and upset over the abduction, the elder Bremer, with his unmarried daughter, Miss Louise Bremer, maintained an all night vigil at the Jacob Schmidt brewery of which he is president.

#### Police in Secret Conference

It was reported in St. Paul Mr. Bremer telephoned someone in Washington last night but who this was and the content of the message remained undetermined. President Roosevelt at the national democratic convention in Chicago in 1932 publicly acknowledged Mr.

#### Men's \$5.00 Oxfords

at **\$2.99**



These are mainly brown shoes. There are two styles in brown calfskin and one style in brown kangaroo. There is a good assortment of sizes and mainly medium and wide widths. They are shoes that sold for \$5 originally, while they last at \$2.99. Two stores, 219 Nicollet, 924 Nicollet.



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# U. S. Hunts Kidnapers After Murder Note

## St. Paul Banker Slain, Says Anonymous Message to Postmaster.

By Associated Press.

ST. PAUL, MINN., January 21.—Possibility that Edward Bremer, kidnaped St. Paul banker, had been slain resulted in the dispatch of a squad of federal agents to Anoka County, it was revealed today, to assist local authorities in an intensive search of the area.

Postmaster W. C. Robertson of Minneapolis received an anonymous note informing him Bremer had been "bumped off" in that vicinity, but St. Paul police were at first inclined to discount the "tip."

Whether fresh information had been obtained leading to reversal of their opinion was not disclosed.

Anoka, county seat of Anoka County, is twenty miles from Minneapolis.

In the lower left hand corner of the note, penned in ink on stationery of the Union City Mission in Minneapolis, was what might have been a rough diagram of three roads, the printed letter "A" and a curved line.

### Snow Hinders Search.

The searchers investigated particularly any suspicious irregularities in surface snow.

Both banks of the Mississippi River, which flows through the district, were being scrutinized on the theory the curved line may have been meant to represent it.

At dusk tonight about 350 miles

of territory had been covered without result.

The federal agents, whose forces here have been greatly augmented since the kidnaping, were sent to Anoka late yesterday to organize the search but word of their mission was not disclosed until today. They were assisted by county police and game wardens familiar with the territory.

### Text of Note.

Signed by "one of the gang," the letter to the postmaster said: "Ed Bremer is now resting in peace. Was by accident bumped off. Body near Anoka, Minn., will not be found until after snow goes. Contact all off. Please forgive us. All a mistake by one of our gang. Been drunk. Please tell Walter McGee, St. Paul."

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It was headed "To a federal officer."

Anxiety for Bremer's life was heightened in the face of the death threat in the first and only note from the kidnapers left at the rear of the office of Walter McGee, wealthy St. Paul contractor and friend of the Bremers, and the fact the customary second note with instructions for paying the ransom has not been received.

### Father's Health Better.

Adolph Bremer, father of the victim, in seclusion at his home in a serious nervous condition brought on by a two-year-old illness aggravated by worry over his son's life, was attended yesterday by a physician. He was represented as being much better today. Edward Bremer's wife likewise was in seclusion and no comment was forthcoming from her.

Darkness put a halt to the Anoka authorities' investigation, though they planned to resume activities tomorrow unless Bremer is returned.

A well authenticated source yesterday said contact was expected to be established either last night or sometime Sunday in Minneapolis or vicinity. Although city authorities made no move to interfere with the ransom negotiations, the extortionists continued reticent.

Magee, wealthy St. Paul contractor friend of the missing man, and named as contact man, was ready to turn over the \$200,000 in old \$5, \$10 and \$20 bills not numbered consecutively. It was Magee who received an anonymous telephone message shortly after 10 a. m. last Wednesday when Bremer disappeared after leaving his 8-year-old daughter, Betty, at the exclusive Summit Girls' School.

### Auto Was Bloodstained.

At the rear of Magee's office, a typewritten note, signed by Bremer in a shaky scrawl, was found. It threatened death and demanded \$200,000. The Bremer automobile was discovered about a mile from the place the note said it would be found in an outlying residential district, spotted with blood on both front and rear seats.

Joseph B. Keenan, Assistant Attorney General of the Justice Department's division of criminal prosecution, speaking in Washington, declaring "in the Bremer case we may have the misfortune of experiencing another Lindbergh situation."

Explaining the Justice Department is starting every effort to

co-operate with the elder Bremer's request for law enforcement agencies to assist in their attempts to apprehend the kidnapers until his son was safely returned, he added:

### Police Chief Not Worried.

"Meanwhile we are attempting to keep negotiations secret." He appealed to newspapers to suppress details until the victim has been freed. Chief of Police Thomas Dahill has given assurance there would be no need to worry over Bremer's safety until after "Sunday or Monday," adding he was confident the missing banker "was O. K."

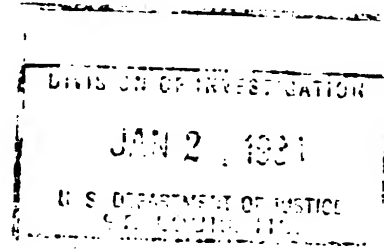
Police today also had the story of an unidentified youth living near the missing banker's home, that January 12 at 12, he had seen two

strange automobiles apparently shadowing Bremer. One of the cars was behind and the other in front of the banker's automobile as he drove to the bank.

The youth said he had heard Bremer was being guarded against kidnapers and assumed at that time the two cars were protecting the banker.

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Palms and psalms to J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the Department of Justice's Bureau of Investigation, who's directing the search for the Bremer kid-nappers (and a few escaped penitentiary bandits) while under a physician's care for abscesses in both ears.

Hoover considers his job one of the most interesting in the world, but he gets pretty sick of criminals who, somehow or other, manage to get out of State penitentiaries after the Government has spent thousands of dollars to catch them and put them there. Sometimes it seems as though catching mobsters is like housework — never finished, done, washed up, completed.

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- MR. RORER

# 'JAIL KIDNAP GANG,' ORDER OF ROOSEVELT

President Takes a Personal Hand in Hunt for Bremer and St. Paul Extortion Ring

## SPURS U. S. OPERATIVES

Family Silent, Spurs Police Aid on Negotiations for His Release; \$200,000 Is Ready

ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 21 (U. P.).—Law enforcement representatives of the city, county and Federal governments conferred tonight on concerted action as no word was heard from the Bremer kidnapers. Werner Hanni, representative of the Department of Justice, was present.

ST. PAUL, Jan. 21 (U.S.). President Roosevelt it was reported tonight has personally instructed Department of Justice agents to apprehend at any cost the kidnapers of Edward F. Bremer, young St. Paul brewer, held for \$200,000 ransom.

This was learned as negotiations for payment of the money and release of Bremer went on under a cloak of absolute secrecy. Even Adolph Bremer, the victim's father, and other members of the family were believed unaware of the exact progress of the \$200,000 ransom dickering.

**"CONTACT" AVOIDS POLICE**  
Walter McGee, close friend of the Bremer family, has not communicated with the authorities, so far as is known here, since early yesterday. He is the man who was attempting to contact the kidnapers and pay the ransom. That the authorities have more information than is being given the public was patent today. Thomas Dahill, chief of police of St. Paul, revealed as much when he said this evening:  
"There is no need to start worrying until Monday. I don't think the kidnapers will be heard from for a few hours yet. There is too much heat on right now. But I think we are going to hear something within the next 24 hours."  
Bremer disappeared last Wednesday shortly after he had taken his 8-year-old daughter to school. Ever since the kidnaping of William Hamm, Jr., last fall wealthy families have lived in fear. Hamm was returned after heavy ransom had been paid. It was believed Bremer took his little girl to school in his car for fear she would be kidnaped. She escaped but he fell a victim.  
**\$200,000 DRAWN OUT**  
Otto Bremer, wealthy uncle of the victim, and head of the Minnesota branch of the Home Owners Loan Corporation, said today he does not want to discuss the case. He said:  
"I won't say anything except that we are ready to pay \$200,000 for Ed's return."  
It was Otto Bremer who yesterday backed an armored truck up to the Federal Reserve Bank and withdrew \$200,000. The denominations conformed to the demand of the kidnapers. The currency was all in old \$5, \$10 and \$20 bills. The money is in five bags that can be opened easily for inspection for it was concluded the kidnapers would want to know what the bags contained—that they were not being handed a lot of scrap paper.

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# Along the Rialto

By Mabelle Jennings

It all comes under the head of diplomacy, but did you know, anent the recent negotiations to boost the British liquor quotas in the event England will permit larger importations of American pork. R. Walton Moore, Assistant Secretary of State, by way of establishing the deliciousness of the American product, dispatched a Virginia ham to the British Ambassador?

The Ambassador, not to be outdone, sent the Assistant Secretary a bottle of Scotch.

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"These," writes our operative who has been places and seen things, "could be titled religious paradoxes. Or possibly they might prove items of interest to the readers of Bob Ripley's 'Believe It or Not' fraternity. Then again, Walter Winchell might find some merit in them for his 'Things I Never Knew Till Now' feature. Anyway, the most imposing and ultra-modern structure that silhouettes the blue around ancient Jerusalem, center of the Zionist activity, is the massive gray-towered Y. M. C. A. building, and the largest edifice of worship in Dublin, Ireland, is St. Patrick's Cathedral, which is Protestant Episcopal."



Mabelle Jennings

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## CLEAN, BUT CUTE

WOLF (knocking)—"Open that door; let me in!"

LADY—"Who are you?"

W.—"I'm the wolf."

L.—"Oh, I can't let you in. Please go away."

W.—"But I'm the big, bad wolf."

L.—"That's different. Come in, darling."—Stars and Stripes (U.S.).

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Palms and psalms to J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the Department of Justice's Bureau of Investigation, who's directing the search for the Bremer kid-nappers (and a few escaped penitentiary bandits) while under a physician's care for abscesses in both ears.

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## Authorities Await Parent's Word for Hunt for Kidnapers

Father Has Asked Police to  
Keep Out Until Tomorrow;  
Many Rumors Are Run Down

**ST. PAUL**—The combined Federal, state and city enforcement agencies investigating the five-day-old Edward G. Bremer kidnaping, concentrated on sifting rumors of his death today as their official entry into the case still was delayed despite absence of word from the abductors.

The banker's father, Adolph Bremer, wealthy brewer, was reported weakened before the insistence of Federal, state and city authorities that they be allowed to turn their 80-odd agents loose in a search.

Authorities were fearful of a second Lindbergh case. The word "go" was lacking, however.

It was understood that Bremer's original plea had been for official recognition of the crime to be withheld until tomorrow night, to give his son's captors ample time to contact again for \$200,000 ransom.

Minneapolis police also became active and commenced a "general round-up" of police characters, intending to question them regarding underworld gossip regarding the kidnaping.

One of the first results was the apprehension of Abe Ginsberg, disbarred St. Paul lawyer, who returned to St. Paul from Denver about two weeks ago. After questioning for about two hours, Ginsberg was released without any announcement.

During the morning a general Twin City alarm was sounded for all radio squad cars to investigate a report that a truck had been seen in St. Paul carrying the body of a man. Police would not explain the report.

The belief that young Bremer met

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## Fear Bremer Slain by Kidnaping Gang

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the same fate as the infant son of Charles A. Lindbergh, an unpremeditated death, grew out of the failure of the kidnapers to contact the Bremer family since a few hours after Bremer disappeared last Wednesday. Bloodstains were found in the front seat of the auto from which the banker had been seized.

### NOTE BELIEVED CRANK'S

So certain were authorities that Bremer had been killed, they called a conference with the elder Bremer last night and urged that he allow them to begin the hunt. Police revealed that they were investigating a note received by W. C. Robertson, Minneapolis postmaster, which gave instructions for finding Bremer's body. The note contained a crudely sketched map. Altho the note was labeled the work of a crank, it served as the basis of a 24-hour search.

An intensified search for Reo Verne Sankey, under indictment in the Boettcher kidnaping at Denver, was ordered today by J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the division of investigation of the Department of Justice.

It was understood that Sankey also was wanted for questioning in connection with the Bremer kidnaping at St. Paul.

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# Bremer Death Fear Speeds U. S. Search

## Anonymous Note Starts Hunt in Snow for Banker's Body.

St. Paul Minn., Jan. 21 (P).—Possibility that Edward G. Bremer, kidnaped St. Paul banker, had been slain resulted in the dispatch of a squad of Federal agents to Anoka County today to assist local authorities in an intensive search of the area.

The postmaster of Anoka yesterday received an anonymous note informing him Bremer had been "bumped off" in that vicinity, but local police were at first inclined to discount the "tip."

Whether fresh information had been obtained leading to reversal of their opinion was not disclosed. Anoka is 20 miles from Minneapolis.

The note was penned in ink on stationery of the Union City Mission in Minneapolis.

The searchers investigated particularly irregularities in surface snow.

### Banks of River Searched.

Both banks of the Mississippi River were being scrutinized. At dusk fell about 350 miles of territory had been covered. The Federal agents were assisted by county police and game wardens familiar with the territory.

Signed by "one of the gang," the letter to the postmaster said: "E. Bremer is now resting in peace. Was by accident bumped off. Body near Anoka, Minn., will not be found until after snow goes. Contact all off. Please forgive us. All a mistake by one of our gang. Been drunk. Please tell Walter McGee, St. Paul."

It was headed, "To a Federal Officer."

Anxiety for Bremer's life heightened in the face of the threat in the first and second from the kidnapers left at the office of Walter McGee, wealthy St. Paul contractor and friend of the Bremers.

### Father Seriously Ill.

Adolph Bremer, father of the victim in seclusion at his home in a serious nervous condition brought on by a 2-year-old illness aggravated by worry over his son's life, was attended yesterday by a physician.

Edward Bremer's wife likewise was in seclusion.

The theory that the wealthy 37-year-old head of the Commercial State Bank, held for \$200,000 ransom, might have been killed, was voiced by Joseph H. Keenan, Assistant Attorney General in Washington.

Keenan declared "in the Bremer case we may have the misfortune of experiencing another Lindbergh situation."

Explaining the Justice Department is exerting every effort to cooperate with the elder Bremer's request for law enforcement agencies to desist in their attempts to apprehend the kidnapers until his son was safely returned, he added:

"Meanwhile we are attempting to keep negotiations secret." He appealed to newspapers to suppress certain details until the victim has been freed.

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## BREMER'S DESPAIR OF VICTIM'S LIFE

Family Refuses to Pay \$200,000 Unless Assured That Banker Is Alive.

By the Associated Press.

ST. PAUL, January 22.—Despair crushed waning hopes today for early release of Edward G. Bremer, kidnaped for \$200,000 ransom, as the Bremer family determined to refuse to barter a fortune for his safe return, unless they first receive assurance he is still alive.

A message from the kidnapers and signed by the 37-year-old Commercial State Bank president and owner, which would give such reassurance, was vainly awaited over the week end but was not forthcoming as the one hundred and thirteenth hour passed without word from the abductors.

Blood, a shaky scrawl, a death threat and a mysterious note declaring Bremer had been "bumped off" intensified the search for the man who last was seen between 8:20 a.m. and 8:30 a.m., January 17, when he left his 8-year-old daughter, Betty, at the exclusive Summit School for Girls.

### Suspect Victim Is Dead.

A suspicion that Bremer might be dead, close friends of the family said, led to their determination to turn over no money for his freedom until they received a message signed by him.

Miss Louise Bremer, sister of the missing banker, voiced sentiments of the family when she said "money does not mean anything" and added the ransom would be quickly paid in return for her brother's freedom.

Reports that word had been received either Saturday or Sunday from the abductors for payment or arrangements to pay the ransom, were emphatically denied by the family. Police Chief Thomas Dahill in a terse statement Saturday said "Bremer is O. K. There is nothing to worry about until after Sunday or Monday."

Lack of communication from the gang only made more vivid the memory of Bremer's blood-stained automobile, found shortly after his disappearance about a mile from where the abductors said it would be in an outlying residential district.

### Two Clues to Fate.

The missing man's shaky scrawl on the only note so far received, left on the office doorstep of Walter Magee, wealthy contractor and friend of the banker, and which contained a threat of death for Bremer, coupled with a

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mysterious missive sent W. C. Robertson, Minneapolis guestmaster, Saturday, quickened anxiety for the son of Adolph Bremer, principal owner of the Jacob Schmidt brewery and personal friend of President Roosevelt.

Penning in ink the note received by Robertson said Bremer was "bumped off" by accident and that his body would be found at Anoka, Minn., but not "until after the snow goes." Though police branded it a hoax, an intense search of Anoka and vicinity was made by Anoka County authorities, in which a few Federal Department of Justice investigators joined Saturday afternoon. Anoka is about 30 miles north of here.

### Keenan Fears Slaying.

A theory that Bremer might have been killed was voiced by Joseph B. Keenan, assistant Attorney General in Washington.

Keenan, speaking in Washington, declared: "In the Bremer case we may have the misfortune of experiencing another Lindbergh situation."

Explaining the Justice Department is exerting every effort to co-operate with the father Bremer's request for law enforcement agencies to assist in their attempts to apprehend the kidnapers until his son was safely returned, he added:

"Meanwhile, we are attempting to keep negotiations secret." He appealed to newspapers to suppress details until the victim has been freed.

Police also had the story of an unidentified youth living near the missing banker's home, that January 17 or 18 he had seen two strange automobiles apparently shadowing Bremer. One of the cars was behind and the other in front of the banker's automobile as he drove to the bank.

The youth said he had heard Bremer was being guarded against kidnapers and assumed the two cars were protecting the banker.

### GAMBLER IS SOUGHT.

Duluth Man Faces Quiz in Bremer Abduction.

DULUTH, Minn., January 22 (AP).—The Duluth News-Tribune last night said it learned a Duluth gambler is being sought for questioning in the Bremer kidnaping.

The paper asserted "Oscar G. Olson, investigator for the St. Louis County attorney's office, conferred with St. Paul police Saturday. He was said to have been enlisted in the search. It was learned Duluth police were requested to assist in the search and were aiding in the hunt, although Police Chief R. E. Donaldson denied this and said he knew nothing of any hunt for a Duluth gambler or any one else."

It was learned the man being sought was last seen in Duluth Thursday. The investigation as to his whereabouts was started here Friday, it was learned. The man did not return to his hotel room here after leaving Thursday morning. Bremer was kidnaped Wednesday morning.

The man being sought, who is a familiar figure in Duluth sporting circles, is known to have recently closed his gambling establishment.

He has not been seen in his known haunts in either Duluth or Superior for several days. At one place it was said he "went to the Twin Cities."

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**VERNE SANKEY SOUGHT.**

**Notorious Abductor—Said to Be Linked  
 in Bremer Case.**

Verne Sankey, notorious kidnaper, wanted in the Boettcher and Bohn abduction cases of last year, is the object of an intensified Nation-wide man hunt by the Department of Justice. Unconfirmed reports declare Sankey has been identified as one of the kidnapers of Edward B. Bremer, missing St. Paul millionaire.

J. Edgar Hoover, director of the division of investigation of the Justice Department, today sent special notification to all field offices of the division to renew the search for the naturalized Canadian and former railroad engineer who turned kidnaper.

Sankey also has been mentioned at times as a possible suspect in the Lindbergh kidnaping, chiefly because a number of clippings on the Lindbergh case are said to have been found at one of his hideouts.

The slim, 48-year-old desperado was indicted by a Federal grand jury at Denver on March 29 last on a charge of kidnaping Charles Boettcher, 3d, at Denver on February 13, a year ago. Boettcher later was released on payment by relatives of \$80,000 ransom.

Carl Pearce and Arthur Youngblood, companions of Sankey, were apprehended, convicted and sentenced to long prison terms. Fern Mae Sankey, wife of the fugitive, also was arrested, but was acquitted.

Sankey again was sought on a further charge of participating in the kidnaping of Haskell Bohn, another wealthy St. Paul business man, on June 30, last. Bohn was released on payment of \$12,000 ransom. Mrs. Sankey also was acquitted in that case.

While the order for the search for Sankey did not specify he was wanted in the Bremer kidnaping, it was assumed this was the case. It was said at the Department of Justice that Sankey is wanted "more than ever now."

Harold Nathan, assistant director of the division of investigation, is in personal charge of the search for Bremer's kidnapers at St. Paul and Director Hoover is supervising the Nation-wide hunt by long-distance telephone from headquarters here.

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# Bremer Kidnap Letter

## Union City Mission

A down town Station of the Churches of Minneapolis, devoted to service for transient workers and homeless men. Conducts daily Gospel Meetings, Meals, Lodging House and a Men's Club with Reading Room, Laundry, Bath, and Free Employment Bureau.

MINNETON AVENUE at SECOND ST.

Minneapolis, Minn.



FRONTING GATEWAY PARK

To a federal officer.  
Dear Sir

Very sorry, but  
Ed. Bremer is now resting  
in Peace. - Was by accident  
carried off - body near  
Anoka, Minn. will not be found  
until after snow goes - Contact  
all off - please forgive us -  
all a mistake by one of our  
gang, been drunk. Please tell  
Walter Magee - St. Paul.

One of the gang.

W. J.

THE letter shown above was received by Postmaster W. C. Robertson of Minneapolis, informing him that Edward Bremer, wealthy St. Paul banker, kidnaped January 17 and held for \$200,000 ransom, had been slain. Police later branded the letter a hoax. -A. P. Photo.

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CULLEN'S ARTICLES

# FEDERAL MOVE PONDERED AT CONFERENCE

Prosecutor, Detectives Talk  
Over Plans As Kidnapers  
Keep 124-Hour Silence

By THOMAS F. CULLEN  
ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 22 (I.N.).—Department of Justice officials held a secret conference today to determine what course of action should follow in the Government's efforts to restore Edward G. Bremer, kidnaped banker, to his family.  
The possibility of abandoning the policy of inactivity was indicated when United States Attorney George Sullivan conferred at length with Werner Hanni and Harold Nathan, Federal investigators.

**Kidnapers Long Silent**  
In the meantime more than 124 hours have elapsed since Bremer was kidnaped soon after leaving his daughter, Betty, at school.

Adolph Bremer, Democratic leader and wealthy brewer, has received no word from the captors of the young banker since the message Walter W. Magee received shortly after the kidnaping.

Since last Friday, Adolph Bremer has had \$200,000 in used bills ready to pay the ransom demanded.

The father appears convinced that Edward will be returned safely. He declined to talk for publication and maintains silent vigil.

**Wife in Seclusion**  
Mrs. Edward G. Bremer, wife of the missing president of the Commercial State Bank, remains in seclusion at home with her daughter, Betty.

Mrs. Bremer refuses to see all callers, but likewise is standing up under the arduous ordeal with considerable fortitude and with confidence that her husband will be returned unharmed.

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### Roosevelt Denies Hand in Bremer Probe

By International News Service  
President Roosevelt has ordered no extraordinary Federal activity in the Bremer kidnaping case, it was stated at the White House today.  
There are standing orders at the Department of Justice, it was explained, that Federal operatives will give full and immediate cooperation to local officers in kidnaping cases, and this was done in the Bremer case.  
Reports from St. Paul that the President had sent telegrams directing Federal activity in the case were denied at the White House. No such telegrams have been sent, it was said.

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St. Louis Post-Dispatch  
St. Louis, Missouri,  
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## NOTE REPORTING KIDNAPED BANKER DEAD CALLED HOAX

Message to Postmaster Says  
St. Paul Brewer's Son  
Was Killed by Mistake by  
One of Gang.

By the Associated Press.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 20.—Their fears unchecked by a police statement branding as a hoax an anonymous note declaring Edward Bremer had been "bumped off," members of the wealthy banker's family awaited with increased anxiety today some word from abductors who demanded \$200,000 ransom in a previous note.

The 37-year-old president of the Commercial State Bank has been held since Wednesday. The note received today by W. C. Robertson, Minneapolis Postmaster. There was also a fake report Bremer's body had been found.

Aware of the death threat against his son and the latter's blood-stained automobile Adolph Bremer, aged and ill, was in a serious condition at his home as the hours dragged by without word from the kidnap gang.

"Bring me back my boy—please—the money is waiting for you," pleaded the elder Bremer, friend of President Roosevelt and principal owner of the Jacob Schmidt Brewing Co. Walter Magee, wealthy contractor friend of the Bremers, stood ready to deliver the full ransom to the kidnapers on demand.

What Note Said.

Robertson said he had received the unstamped envelope containing the following note written in ink by a good penman and addressed to him.

"Very sorry but Edward Bremer is now resting in peace. Was by accident bumped off. Body near Anoka, Minn. Will not be found until after the snow goes. Contact all off. Please forgive us. All a mistake by one of our gang being drunk.

"Please tell Walter Magee, St. Paul.

"One of the Gang."

City police and Federal operatives conferred with Robertson on their way to Anoka, decided the note was the work of a crank, and returned to St. Paul where they were met with a flood of rumors that the body of the man seized Wednesday morning after leaving his 8-year-old daughter, Betty, at the Summit Girls' School, had been found at three places. The rumors were unfounded.

Meager clues to the kidnapers' identity and location of the hide-out were furnished in the stories of two more persons thought to have been eye witnesses to the seizure of Bremer last Wednesday.

Miss Florence Mathes, St. Paul Public Library employee, living near where Bremer was captured, refused to discuss what she had seen. She gave a statement to police.

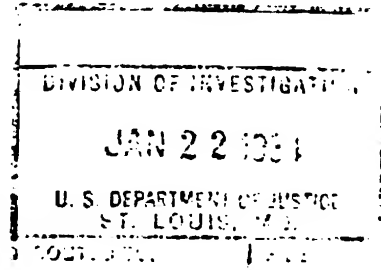
Saw Auto Stopped.

Yesterday James Quinlan, a milk wagon driver, who knows Miss Louise Bremer, sister of the missing banker, told police he saw Bremer's car stop for an arterial highway. Another car, approaching at right angles, stopped squarely in front of the Bremer machine and a minute later the kidnapers' car started off, the Bremer automobile following.

Believing at first it was an accident, he later concluded he had witnessed the actual abduction.

J. A. Letourneau, Minneapolis credit manager of a finance automobile corporation's agency, informed authorities he saw a man resembling Bremer at the western limits of that city yesterday. The man, in a coupe with two others, wore a bandage across his nose that almost covered his eyes, and had his hat pulled low over his face.

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# BREMER SLAIN, BURIED IN SNOW, NOTE ASSERTS

Letter to Postmaster Believed  
Work of a Crank; Ransom  
Ready; Father Makes Appeal

ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 20 (U.S.).—Edward G. Bremer, wealthy St. Paul bank president kidnaped last Wednesday morning for \$200,000 ransom, was still missing late tonight, his fate uncertain.

That Bremer had been accidentally slain and buried in the snow near Anoka, Minn., 20 miles northwest of here was the information contained in an anonymous note received today by Postmaster W. C. Robertson, of Minneapolis.

## LOOKS LIKE HOAX

The note purported to be from one of the kidnapers, but Robertson and investigators were disposed to believe it was the work of a crank. The note said:

"Very sorry, but Ed Bremer is resting in peace—was killed by accident. Body near Anoka, will not be found until the snow leaves. Contact all off. Please forgive us. All a mistake by one of our gang being drunk. Please tell Walter Magee."

The note was signed "One of the Gang." It was written on Union City mission stationery.

Magee is the St. Paul contractor, friend of the Bremer family, who has been attempting to act as go-between in the negotiations for Bremer's release.

## RANSOM IS READY

The Bremer family, in a published statement to the kidnapers, announced that the \$200,000 was ready in old \$5, \$10, and \$20 bills as demanded in the original note left by the abductors. The note also demanded the bills should not bear consecutive serial numbers.

State and Federal investigators were working on the theory that Bremer is still alive, although many bloodstains found in Bremer's automobile in which he was taken away Wednesday morning led to a fear that he may have been slain before the intended hideout was reached.

Adolph Bremer, father of the kidnap victim and owner of the Jacob Schmidt Brewing Company, issued an appeal to the kidnapers through the press.

## FATHER MAKES PLEA

He said:

"Money is not a consideration in a time like this. All I want is the safe return of my son. Bring back my boy—the money is waiting for you, but hurry."

President Roosevelt, a friend of Adolph Bremer, has exhibited deep concern over the kidnaping in messages sent the father and it is understood that it was due to the President's prompt request that Frank J. Blake and other investigators for the Department of Justice hurried here.

Blake, who had a large part in the round-up of the Charles F. Urschel kidnapers, came here by plane from Texas.

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WASHINGTON D. C. POST January 21, 1934.

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**Keenan Fears Gang  
Has Killed Bremer**

Assistant Attorney General Joseph B. Keenan, expressed fear last night that Edward G. Bremer had been killed by his kidnapers as he appealed to newspapers to withhold details of kidnaping cases until after the return of the victim.

Keenan appealed for newspaper silence on details of kidnaping cases before a banquet of the Women's Bar Association of the District of Columbia.

"Every effort," he said, "has been made by us to cooperate with Mr. Bremer's family."

"They have \$200,000 ready and the Federal Government is making no move to interfere, hoping that the victim will be returned safe."

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# Bremer Kidnap Contact Today, Police Assert

Hope for Release Within  
24 Hours; "Death Note"  
Thought Hoax.

St. Paul, Jan. 20 (AP).—Following a secret conference of authorities directing the hunt for kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, held for \$200,000 ransom, it became known late today that negotiations were about to be opened with the abductors for his release, possibly within 24 hours. City, county, postal and other Federal officers participated in the conference, which was preceded by a statement from Chief of Police Thomas Dahill that Bremer, whose death was threatened in the first note demanding ransom, "Is O. K." and that there was "no need to start worrying until Sunday or Monday."

## Note Found on Steps.

From the same sources came hints that contact would be made by Walter Magee, wealthy St. Paul contractor and friend of the captive banker, through an unidentified third party close to Magee.

Later in the evening, Arthur Nelson, former Mayor of St. Paul, and Chief Dahill left for an undisclosed destination. They failed to return after more than an hour and speculation arose over whether Nelson was ready to aid Magee in negotiating with the kidnapers.

The family of the victim, president and owner of the Commercial State Bank here, had previously let it be known it was ready to meet the ransom demand.

## Banker's Fate Unknown.

But they had received no word from the kidnapers up to 3 p. m. today, and their anxiety had mounted steadily. It had been augmented when W. C. Robertson, Minneapolis postmaster, announced receipt of an anonymous letter, declaring Bremer had been killed. Police branded the letter a hoax.

They had had no word of the fate of the banker since his automobile, its seat cushions splashed with blood, was found Wednesday in an outlying residential district.

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## Keenan Hints Death of Bremer At Hands of Kidnaping Gang

Assistant Attorney General, in Address  
to Women's Bar Association, Asks  
Press to Co-operate.

Intimating he feared that Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker who was kidnapped several days ago, may be dead, Assistant Attorney General Joseph B. Keenan appealed last night to newspapers to withhold details of kidnaping cases until after the victim is returned.

"I am afraid," he said, "that in the Bremer case we may have the misfortune of experiencing another Lindbergh situation." The Lindbergh infant was found dead.

Keenan, who is in charge of the Justice Department's division of criminal prosecution, spoke at the annual banquet of the Women's Bar Association of the District, held in the Mayflower Hotel.

"Where human lives are involved, I wonder if we are not entitled to more co-operation from the press," said Keenan. "Every effort has been made by us to co-operate with Mr. Bremer's family. They have \$200,000 ready and the Federal Government is making no move to interfere, hoping that the victim will be returned safely. Meanwhile, we are attempting to keep negotiations secret, yet the ransom note was torn from the bosom of the family and printed.

"The United States attorney in St.

### 100 Reporters on Scene.

Paul told me there were at least 100 newspaper men, besides photographers and newsreel men, waiting around for something to happen.

"There should be a code of ethics among newspaper men that they should wait full time to print the details of a kidnaping case until the victim is returned unharmed.

"I am asking them if they will not give some consideration to the human elements concerned and not jeopardize lives. If they will do so, I promise that after the victim is returned no details will be held back from them."

Keenan explained that he held newspaper men in high esteem and in his experience had never found one who failed to keep a confidence reposed in him. He said he thought most newspaper men would agree with his position.

Emphasizing the need for a law giving the Federal Government authority to regulate the manufacture, sale, transportation and possession of firearms, Mr. Keenan said it was "ridiculous for the country to be maintained as an armed camp."

### Bill Proposed.

He said the Justice Department is backing the bill introduced by Senator Copeland of New York as a nucleus around which to build regulations. Possession of ammunition, revolvers, machine guns and sub-machine guns should be regulated, he declared, so those who have them can at least be fingerprinted.

Another speaker, Representative Kathryn O'Loughlin McCarthy of Kansas, said the failure of the District Bar Association to admit women as members was a "stigma" on the association.

She criticized attorneys for attempting to find loopholes in laws and condemned the lawyers who "enabled the house of Morgan and Kuhn, Loeb & Co. to escape their just share of taxes."

She termed as "unfortunate" the close association of some lawyers with large financial or industrial interests, saying they should maintain their status as free agents.

### Tells of Judge Cranch.

Miss Helen Newman, secretary and law librarian of the George Washington University Law School, spoke on "William Cranch, Judge of the Circuit Court of the District of Columbia, 1801-1855." She recited anecdotes reflecting his character and accomplishments as jurist.

Miss Beatrice A. Clephane was toastmistress and Mrs. Edwina Avery, president of the association, greeted the women and their guests.

The guests of honor included Mr. Keenan, Chief Justice Alfred A. Wheat of the District Supreme Court, Mrs. McCarthy, Miss Newman, Corporation Counsel W. W. Bride, William P. MacCracken, secretary of the American Bar Association; Mr. Noel, William A. Roberts, president of the Federal Bar Association, and W. W. Millan, past president of the District Bar Association.

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## Bremer's Release on Ransom of \$200,000 Expected Shortly

### Negotiations With Kidnapers Decided Upon in Parley of Authorities. Victim Said to Be "O. K."

By the Associated Press.

ST. PAUL, January 20.—Following a secret conference of authorities directing the hunt for kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, held for \$200,000 ransom, it became known late today that negotiations were about to be opened with his abductors for his release, possibly within 24 hours.

City, county, postal and other Federal officers participated in the conference which was preceded by a statement from Chief of Police Dahill that Bremer, whose death was threatened in the first note demanding ransom, "is O. K." and that there was "no need to start worrying until Sunday or Monday."

(Joseph B. Keenan, Assistant Attorney General, who has been directing the Department of Justice's drive

against kidnapers, intimated in an address here last night that he believed Bremer was dead).

Well authenticated sources, who declined to be quoted, indicated that actual contact with the young banker's abductors might be made tonight or Sunday with his release expected soon after in Minneapolis or near that city.

From the same sources came hints that this contact with the men who abducted young Bremer Wednesday would be made by Walter Magee, wealthy St. Louis contractor and friend of the captive banker, through an unidentified third party, close to Magee. The note demanding the ransom and threatening death to Bremer was found shortly after his abduction on the back-door steps of Magee's office.

Later in the evening Arthur Nelson, former mayor of St. Paul, and Chief Dahill left police headquarters for an undisclosed destination. They failed to return after more than an hour and

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## NEGOTIATIONS PAVE WAY TO RELEASE OF KIDNAPED BANKER

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speculation arose over whether Nelson was ready to aid Magee in negotiating with the kidnapers.

The family of the victim had received no word from the kidnapers up to 3 p.m. today and their anxiety had mounted steadily. It had been augmented when W. C. Robertson, Minneapolis postmaster, announced receipt of an anonymous letter, declaring Bremer had been killed, signed "one of the gang," even though police branded the letter a hoax.

They had had no word of the fate of the banker since his automobile, its seat cushions splashed with blood, was found Wednesday in an outlying residential district. Then came the more reassuring word after the conference of officers late today.

Adolph Bremer, the young banker's father, was in a serious condition at his home as hour after hour passed by without word from the kidnap gang.

"Bring me back my boy—please—the money is waiting for you," begged the elder Bremer, friend of President Roosevelt and principal owner of the Jacob Schmidt Brewing Co.

The following note was received by Robertson:

"Very sorry, but Edward Bremer is now resting in peace. Was by accident bumped off. Body near Anoka, Minn. Will not be found until after the snow goes. Contact all off. Please forgive us. All a mistake by one of our gang being drunk.

"Please tell Walter Magee, St. Paul. "One of the gang."

Police and Federal operatives decided the note was the work of a crank. A flood of rumors that Bremer's body had been found at three places were proved unfounded.

Authorities refused to confirm a report that six or more Chicago gangsters were registered at a Twin Cities hotel about 10 days before the kidnaping and that an inquiry was under way to learn their identities.

Mrs. Edward Bremer, wife of the victim, remained in seclusion, seeing no one save intimate friends. She was reported by servants to be standing the ordeal well.

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THE BOSTON HERALD, SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 1934

## KIDNAP VICTIM'S CAR IS STAINED

Bloodmarks Tell of Beating  
Bremer Received—\$200,-  
000 Is Ready

### CABMAN'S 'RANSOM' NOTE IS DISCREDITED

ST. PAUL, Jan. 19 (AP)—A maze of mystery shot with increasing fears for the safety of Edward G. Bremer, enveloped the \$200,000 kidnaping of the wealthy St. Paul banker tonight.

Temporarily balked at every turn in efforts to track the gang of at least three men who seized the son of Adolph Bremer, personal friend of President Roosevelt, last Wednesday morning and threatened his death, federal investigators pressed their search in hopes of unearthing a leading clue.

Meanwhile, Gov. Floyd B. Olson, Farmer-Laborite, a friend of Adolph Bremer, staunch Democrat, visited the aged and ill father of the missing man to express his sympathy.

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#### BEATEN ON THE HEAD

Presumably he was beaten on the head by his captors, dragged into the back seat, and taken to an outlying residential district where he was transferred into the kidnapers own car and his machine abandoned.

The police put little faith in a taxicab driver's tale that two men he had picked up last night had given him a ransom note for delivery to the missing man's home. The authorities claimed he had written it himself for publicity. He was questioned and released.

It was recalled, however, that when William Hamm, Jr., millionaire president of the Theodore Hamm Brewing Company was kidnaped for \$100,000 last June, a ransom note was given a cab driver. It was not disclosed until weeks later, though the driver at that time was questioned and released.

Mindful of death threats in the ransom note left on the backdoor step of the office of Walter Mayer, wealthy St. Paul contractor and friend of the Bremers, the family had assembled the \$200,000 in old \$5, \$10, and \$20 bills according to instructions.

Silence, however, screened movements of the gang that abducted the son of Adolph Bremer, personal friend of President Roosevelt, and principal owner of the Jacob Schmidt Brewing Company. Not since the note and bloodstained car of the Commercial State Bank's president and owner were found has any contact been established with the kidnapers.

Sploches of blood on both front and rear seats of Bremer's automobile from which he was kidnaped between 8:15 A. M. and 10 A. M., Wednesday, after taking 8-year-old Betty, his daughter, to school, stained the cushions.

They indicated, the authorities said, that Bremer struggled desperately with his captors, who probably numbered at least three, and was knocked out with a blow on the head. Apparently he was then dragged into the rear seat, where he was guarded by one of the gang, while another drove the car to an outlying residential district. The Bremer car, presumably, was followed by the gang's own automobile, driven by a third man.

The condition of the 37-year-old banker was of great concern to his family, who recalled that his signature on the ransom note was but a shaky scrawl. It obviously was signed soon after his abduction, the authorities said.

The city police abided by Adolph Bremer's plea not to "make any move that will endanger Eddie's safety," and marked time awaiting his release. The federal bureau of investigation, however, marshaled its forces here, heavily armed, determined to hunt down the abductors. The federal inquiry was masked in secrecy.

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MR. GLAVIN  
MR. LADD  
MR. NICHOLS  
MR. ROSEN  
MR. TRACY  
MR. Egan  
MR. Gurnea  
MR. Harbo  
MR. Hendon  
MR. Jones  
MR. Quinn  
MR. Nease  
MR. Pennington  
MR. Starnes  
MR. Tamm  
MR. Telford  
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## Milk Wagon Driver Tells of Seeing Banker Kidnaped

(Picture on back page.)

St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 19.—(AP)—A witness to the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer tonight shed the first ray of light on the obscure circumstances surrounding the wealthy banker's abduction Wednesday.

The witness is James Quinehan, a milk wagon driver, who told how the kidnapers seized the 37 year old owner and president of the Commercial State bank between 2:20 and 3:30 a. m. last Wednesday.

"I was driving east on Goodrich avenue," said Quinehan, "until I reached Dunlap street, where I stopped to let a bunch of kids cross the street to the Summit school nearby.

### Pulls in Front of Banker's Car.

"A block away I saw two automobiles. The Bremer car had stopped before crossing Lexington avenue, an arterial highway, when suddenly a big sedan pulled up squarely in front of it. It looked like an accident.

"I turned my head a moment to say hello to some of the kids and when I looked back again I saw the strange automobile moving away with the Bremer car following. I must have stopped there about two minutes before I went along.

"I didn't see any of the men in the car and I couldn't identify them."

Quinehan at the time was unaware he was witnessing a kidnaping and it wasn't until later, when talking with Mrs. Louise Bremer, sister of the missing man, that Quinehan decided he had seen the abduction.

### Denies Contact with Abductors.

Bremer had just left his 3 year old daughter, Betty, at the Summit school and started for his office. His automobile, blood stained, later was found abandoned, arousing fears in the Bremer family for his safety.

When Mrs. Bremer saw Quinehan

today she told him no contact had been made with the kidnapers up to 10 a. m., observing:

"Money doesn't mean anything. It's all ready. We are interested in getting him back safely."

### Other Developments of Day.

Other events of the day included:

Reiteration of the appeal of Adolph Bremer, capitalist father of the kidnaped man and personal friend of President Roosevelt, that police and government investigators "stand aside" from the case so that the ransom could be paid and his son's safety assured.

Following Bremer's appeal it was announced in Washington tonight the department of justice had withdrawn temporarily its forces from investigation of the case.

Outfitting of St. Paul policemen with bullet proof vests and submachine guns while Chief Thomas Dahill awaited the signal to go ahead and "do business." Police so far have acceded to the family's wishes to keep out of the case. But Dahill has 67 men on 24 hour duty ready to start at any moment.

### Ransom Money Ready.

The ransom money was ready in old bills according to the kidnapers' demands and the Bremer family, which is one of the wealthiest in St. Paul, were anxiously awaiting instructions as to where the package was to be delivered.

Meanwhile, George St. Marie, an acquaintance of Bremer, told police he saw two men acting suspiciously the night before the kidnaping.

"I was bowling with Mr. Bremer and his brother," St. Marie said. "I noticed two strangers in the rear of the bowling alley. One of them said 'That isn't the man. It's the other,' and he pointed at Edward Bremer."

St. Marie furnished police with descriptions of the pair.

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# 'Bumped Off' Bremer, Says Mystery Note *N.Y. Eve. Post 1/20/34* Minneapolis Postmas- ter Gets Kidnap Letter

SIGNED "ONE OF GANG"

Alleged Killing Due to "Drunk-  
ness of Gangster," Says  
Message

ST. PAUL, Jan. 20 (AP).—A mys-  
tery note, declaring Edward G.  
Bremer, abducted for \$200,000 ran-  
som, had been "bumped off" was  
received through the mails today  
by W. C. Robertson, Minneapolis  
postmaster.

Written in "roughhand by a good  
penman, the note said:

"Very sorry, but Edward Bremer  
is now resting in peace. Was by  
accident bumped off. Body near  
Anoka, Minn. Will not be found  
until after snow goes. Contact  
all off. Please forgive us. All a mis-  
take by one of our gang being  
drunk.

"Please tell Walter Magee, St.  
Paul.

(Signed) "One of the Gang."

Special Dispatch to Evening Post

ST. PAUL, Jan. 20.—President  
Roosevelt has pledged full support  
of the Federal Government toward  
obtaining the release of Edward G.  
Bremer and the capture of his kid-  
napers.

The Federal Bureau of Investiga-  
tion, acting under orders of J. Ed-  
gar Hoover, its chief, has marshaled  
heavily armed forces here in a de-  
termination to track down the ab-  
ductors. The bureau's activities are  
being kept secret.

Harold L. Hays, assistant to  
Hoover, is in charge of the work  
here, and has been assisted in  
direction of the search by Frank J.  
Blake, who came here by plane from  
the Southwest yesterday. Nathan  
directed the search for the kidnapers  
of Charles Urschel, millionaire Ok-  
lahoma oil man.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 20 (AP).—  
A machine in old city was ready  
for kidnapers today if they would

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father, but for the return of his wealthy son, Edward G. Bremer, held for \$200,000 ransom. "Bring me back my boy—please—the money is waiting for you—hurry—we want him back," pleaded Adolph Bremer, personal friend of President Roosevelt, as he paced the floor in the office of the Jacob Schmidt Brewing Company, of which he is principal owner. No contact had been made by the abductors in the sixty-six hours since the crime, though the family was hopeful some sign would be made today telling them how and when to deliver the ransom in \$5, \$10 and \$20 bills.

#### Daughter Back at School

Far from the brewery property, eight-year-old Betty Bremer, daughter of the missing Commercial State Bank president and owner, yesterday returned to the exclusive Summit girls' school for the first time since her father was abducted about 8:30 A. M. Wednesday.

Reliable sources close to the family said she had not been told her father had been kidnaped and threatened with death, nor that he might be seriously injured, or worse, following the finding of Bremer's automobile, the interior profusely blood stained, a few hours after he had left his daughter at the school Wednesday morning.

But her grandfather was acutely aware of his son's absence.

#### Federal Men at Scene

"I wish they would bring him back," said the elder Bremer. "We want him back. We are willing to pay. We have been willing. From the start we followed instructions. 'Yet,' and he shrugged his shoulders listlessly, 'we hear nothing from the men who have him.' Federal investigators working on the case have met the same disappointment in their efforts to trace the abductors, though they received their first eye-witness explanation of the seizure from a milk wagon driver yesterday.

#### Saw Bremer Being Abducted

James Quinehan related he had seen Bremer, though he did not know it at the time, stop his automobile for an arterial highway a block from the Summit school the day he was kidnaped. That was between 8:20 A. M. and 8:30 A. M., Quinehan said.

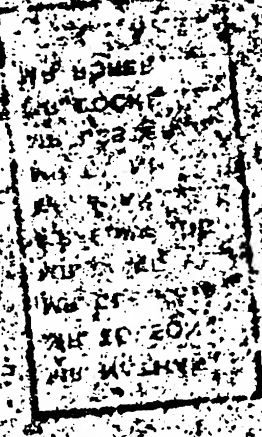
Suddenly, another large sedan stopped squarely in front of the Bremer car, and within two minutes, both cars moved off, the kidnapers' machine in the lead. He could not identify any occupants of either car.

He was talking with Miss Louise Bremer, sister of the missing man, when he delivered milk at the home of her uncle, Otto Bremer, State manager of the Home Owners Loan Corporation, they concluded he had seen the actual abduction.

#### One Note Left by Kidnapers

Miss Bremer voiced the sentiments of the family when she declared that "money doesn't mean anything. It's all ready. We are interested in getting him back safely."

By following instructions of the kidnapers, contained in a note left on the backdoor step of Walter Magee's office, the family had disclosed it was ready to pay the full ransom.





## U. S. MOBILIZES IN KIDNAP HUNT

## WITNESS TELLS OF KIDNAPING

By Universal Service.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—The Department of Justice's star operatives were mobilized in St. Paul today to aid in the search for Edward Bremer, St. Paul banker, and his abductors.

J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Department of Justice Division of Investigation, was directing the Federal agents by telephone from Washington and was kept informed of developments throughout the day and night.

Among the agents sent into St. Paul is Frank J. Blake, one of the department's aces who tracked down the kidnapers of Charles Urschel. Blake flew to St. Paul from Dallas, Tex.

In addition to operatives sent into St. Paul, the department has a large unit stationed there under the direction of Werner Hanni, Attorney General Cummings. It was understood, instructed Hoover to keep him fully informed of developments.

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# Roosevelt Pledges Help In Kidnap Hunt; Blood in Banker's Car Stirs Alarm



**FEAR FOR SAFETY—**  
Edward G. Bremer, banker,  
who is being held for \$200,-  
000 ransom. Picture from  
International News Photo-  
graph Service.

**Desperate Struggle  
with Captors Is  
Indicated**

**PURSUERS BALKED**

**Mystery Broadens as  
Abductors Elude  
Federal Forces**

ST. PAUL, Jan. 19 (US).—  
Two telegrams were received  
today from President Roose-  
velt, close friend of the father  
of Edward G. Bremer, kidnap  
victim, pledging the full sup-  
port of the Government. One  
was addressed to the father,  
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Legionnaires of neighboring States



W. W. MAGEE.

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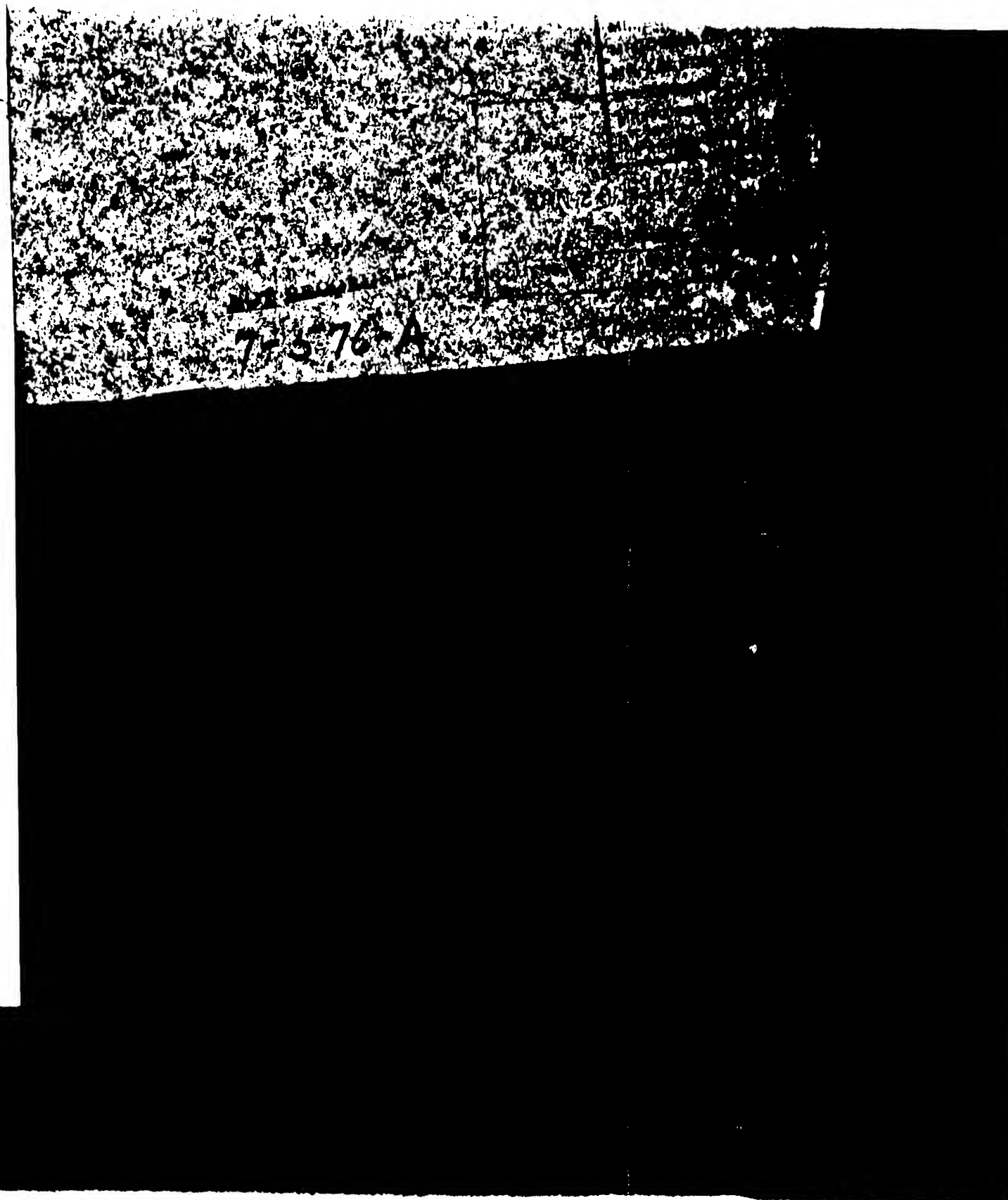
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## Witness Describes Bremer Kidnaping

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Associated Press Photo.  
EDWARD G. BREMER.

that he decided he had seen the abduction. Both concluded the milk man had seen the seizure of Miss Bremer's brother, and he was urged to tell police.

Fears for the safety of Bremer grew tonight.

Temporarily balked at every turn

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## Witness Tells How Bremer Was Kidnaped

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Police scoffed at a taxicab driver's tale that two men last night gave him a ransom note for delivery to the missing man's home. He was questioned and released.

At the same time, State officials of the American Legion shaped plans to throw their organization behind the drive to free Bremer.

One possible clew was under investigation by Federal forces, directed by Harold Nathan, assistant to J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the Bureau of Investigation at Washington, and Frank J. Blake, who came here by plane from the Southwest, where he directed the search for abductors of Charles Urschel, millionaire Oklahoma oil man.

That was the story of George St. Marie, an acquaintance of Bremer who said he had seen two strangers whispering and intently watching the bank president and even pointing to him the night before the kidnaping.

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## BREMER RANSOM FORTUNE IS READY

Father of Kidnap Victim  
Makes Plea for Return  
of His Son.

By the Associated Press.

ST. PAUL, Minn., January 20.—A fortune in old bills was ready for kidnapers today if they would heed the plea of an aged and ill father begging for the return of his wealthy son, Edward G. Bremer, held for \$200,000 ransom.

"Bring me back my boy—please—the money is waiting for you—but hurry—we want him back," pleaded Adolph Bremer, personal friend of President Roosevelt, as he paced the floor in the office of the Jacob Schmidt Brewing Co., of which he is principal owner.

No contact had been made by the abductors, though the family was hopeful some sign would be made today telling them how and when to deliver the ransom in \$5, \$10 and \$20 bills.

### Daughter Is Not Informed.

Far from the brewery property, 8-year-old Betty Bremer, daughter of the missing Commercial State Bank president and owner, yesterday returned to the exclusive Summit Girls School for the first time since her father was abducted about 8:30 a.m. Wednesday.

Reliable sources close to the family said she had not been told her father had been kidnaped and threatened with death; nor that he might be seriously injured, or worse, following the finding of Bremer's automobile, the interior profusely blood spattered a few hours after he had left his daughter at the school Wednesday morning.

But her grandfather was acutely aware of his son's absence.

Federal investigators working on the case have met the same disappointment in their efforts to trace the abductors, though they received their first eyewitness explanation of the seizure from a milk wagon driver yesterday.

### Bremer's Car Blocked.

James Quinehan related he had seen Bremer, though he did not know it at the time, stop his automobile for an arterial highway a block from the Summit School the day he was kidnaped. That was between 8:20 a.m. and 8:30 a.m., Quinehan said.

Suddenly another large sedan stopped squarely in front of the Bremer car, and within two minutes, both cars moved off, the kidnaper's machine in the lead. He could not identify any occupants of either car, he said.

Later, talking with Miss Louise Bremer, sister of the missing man, when he delivered milk at the home of her uncle, Otto Bremer, State manager of the Home Owners' Loan Corporation, they concluded he had seen the actual abduction.

Miss Bremer voiced the sentiments of the family when she declared "money doesn't mean anything. It's all ready. We are interested in getting him back safely."

By following instructions of the kidnapers, contained in a note left on the back door step of Walter Magee's office, the family had disclosed it was ready to pay the full ransom. Magee, wealthy contractor, is a friend of the missing man.

### Promising Lead Fails.

An advertisement was inserted in the Thursday morning edition of the Minneapolis Tribune's personal column reading "We are ready," and signed "Alice."

Authorities were vehement that there had been no developments in the case and investigation was virtually stalemated 66 hours after the crime. What first appeared to Federal operatives to be a promising lead, evaporated when a purported ransom note a taxicab driver claimed to have received from two strangers, was found to have been penned by him for publicity purposes, investigators said.

The note said, "You will make your payments soon," and was signed "Kip." The cab driver was questioned and released, however.

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## BREMER'S WAIT KIDNAP WORD

ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 20 (I.N.S.).—Edward G. Bremer, kidnaped president of the Commercial State Bank, today was still being held by a gang that four days ago demanded payment of \$200,000 ransom if his life was to be spared.

Optimism gave way to fearful anxiety for the wealthy young banker's safety as his family, one of the wealthiest and most influential in St. Paul, maintained a ceaseless vigil.

### Stains Are Found

Following instructions given by the kidnapers, Adolph Bremer, prominent Democratic leader and father of the missing man, has provided the staggering ransom payment in used bills. Yet no word, apparently, had come from the kidnapers.

Bloodstains found in the missing man's abandoned automobile heightened the anxiety of Bremer's family, although his colleagues failed to show alarm at the discovery.

H. M. Kalscheur, vice president of the bank, said:

"He probably struck at the kidnapers. The stains might have come from a bloody nose. Ed is quick tempered."

Federal Department of Justice agents and a small army of police were holding their forces in check, meanwhile, in deference to the elder Bremer's request that no move be made that might jeopardize the missing man's life.

One, and only one, witness to the actual kidnaping has been found. He is James Quinehan, driver of a milk wagon, who happened by the Summit grade school when the kidnapers were transferring their victim from his private automobile to their own. Bremer had just deposited his 8-year-old daughter, Betty, at the school doors and was driving away to his office.

From Quinehan's story Federal operatives hoped to glean some clue that would shed light on the identity of the kidnapers. Quinehan, however, insisted that he did not see the men closely enough to identify them. He said:

"I saw two automobiles a block away. The Bremer automobile had stopped at Lexington Avenue (an arterial highway) when a large sedan swung in front of it. That was between 8:20 and 8:30 in the morning."

### WORD RECEIVED TWICE

"I thought it was an accident. Then I saw the other car moving away and the Bremer automobile was trailing behind it. At the time I didn't know it was a kidnaping at all."

Not until he had discussed the incident with the banker's unmarried sister, Miss Louise Bremer, did Quinehan realize he had witnessed the kidnaping.

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Adolph Bremer (father of kidnaped man,) between President and Mrs. Roosevelt when he helped welcome Roosevelt to St. Paul during his campaign for the Presidency.

## Mystery Suit Papers Signed By Rudy Here

By SID WILLIS.  
Just before going to the studio for his radio broadcast last evening, The News learned exclusively



# \$200,000 BID FOR KIDNAPED FRIEND OF F.D.

(Special to The News)

ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 18.—While picked Federal agents swooped in airplanes to this city for a new war on brazen kidnapers, the family of Edward G. Bremer, banker and son of a close friend of President Roosevelt, opened negotiations tonight with the gang who seized him yesterday morning after he had driven his daughter, Betty, 7, to school.

Ransom of \$200,000, demanded by the abductors in a note to Walter McGee, contractor and friend of the Bremer family, was reported in readiness and a brief advertisement was inserted in the Minneapolis Tribune in compliance with instructions given to McGee.

"We are ready. (Signed) Alice," read the advertisement.

### Dad Begg Authorities to Lay Off

After it was authoritatively learned that a third—and perhaps final—contact with the kidnapers had been arranged for tomorrow noon, the banker's father, Adolph Bremer, tonight begged authorities to cease their efforts to free his son or capture the criminals.

"His life is at stake," pleaded the old man.

The first contact was when a member of the gang telephoned McGee. The second came as a result of the advertisement signed "Alice," and during this conversation it is understood the Bremers signified their willingness to come to terms, swiftly and without haggling over the ransom amount.

The abduction of Bremer, whose father is millionaire owner of the Jacob Schmidt Brewing Company, is strikingly similar to the kidnaping of William Hamm Jr., son of a wealthy rival brewing family.

## Birth Control? Radio Father Vs. Movie Ma

(By Associated Press)

Washington, D. C., Jan. 18.—A crowd that jammed the huge House caucus room today heard two headliners—the Rev. Charles E. Coughlin, De-



Hamm was also in the \$100 ransom, and the abduction is more brazen because Roger Touhy and his gang—although acquitted of the Hamm charge—are now on trial in Chicago charged with the snatching of John (Jake the Barber) Factor.

Bremer, 37 and president of the Commercial State Bank, had employed a bodyguard until last November—in fact, he only dis-



Otto Bremer  
*Influential uncle of kidnaped St. Paul banker.*

persed with this protection when Federal authorities assured him the Touhys would be convicted for the Factor job.

His family is not only one of the wealthiest in St. Paul, but is powerful politically.

His bachelor uncle, Otto Bremer

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# BLOOD STAINS IN AUTO MAY BE CLUE TO HIS FATE

Father Halts Search  
to Allow Contact;  
\$200,000 Asked

Picture on Page 12

St. Paul Jan. 19—Bloodstains on both front and rear seats of Edward G. Bremer's automobile, today inspired fears for the safety of the 37-year-old bank president, held for \$200,000 ransom by kidnapers who have threatened him with death.

Splashes of blood smeared the front seat of the Bremer sedan when it was found in an outlying residential district early Wednesday, it was reported today.

**BELIEVED HE WAS SLUGGED**  
Indications were the kidnaped owner and head of the Commercial State Bank, whose father, Adolph Bremer, is a personal friend of President Roosevelt, was brutally slugged over the head when he resisted his captors as they invaded his car.

Heeding the fearful plea of the missing man's aged father, authorities today suspended their search for the kidnapers, to give intermediaries free rein in arranging the \$200,000 ransom payment demanded.

Federal Department of Justice operatives and police reluctantly obeyed the request of the father, who asked that they "make no move that would endanger Edward's life."

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## FATHER KEEPS VIGIL

The Elder Bremer, a leader in Minnesota democracy and a personal friend of President Roosevelt, is part owner of the Jacob Schmidt Brewing Co. here. The Bremer family is one of the wealthiest in St. Paul.

He was the first man to predict to President Roosevelt in Chicago that he would be the next President.

Bremer's request was regarded as a definite indication that negotiators had established definite contact with the kidnaping gang and that payment of the ransom was imminent.

## LEGION MASSES FORCES

However, American legionnaires decided today to make an active search. Bremer, spurred by the death threat, made in a note left at the home of Walter Magee, a wealthy contractor and friend of the abducted banker, and the local legion outlined a search by Minnesota members as well as by members in the neighboring states.

Edward W. Carruth of Harring-

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# BANKER'S KIN READY TO PAY

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ton, Kan., national vice-commander of the Legion, who spoke here last night endorsed the plan.

An invalid, the elder Bremer was keeping an almost ceaseless vigil at his spacious home here with his daughter Louise. Close friends of the family admitted that the wealthy brewing magnate was extremely apprehensive of the safety of his 37-year-old son, whose life has been threatened unless the ransom demands are met.

Proof that the Bremer family was ready and willing to pay the ransom was contained in a brief classified advertisement carried in a Minneapolis daily paper, which read:

"We are ready. Alice."

Bremer was seized Wednesday morning, while returning from the Summit elementary school, where he had taken his eight-year-old daughter, Betty. Associates of the banker were not concerned at his absence for several hours until Magee was called by the kidnapers, five serial numbers.

The kidnapers instructed Magee to furnish the ransom money in bills of used currency of \$5, \$10 and \$20 denominations not of consecutive serial numbers. They were to be wrapped up in a cardboard box, the note said.

## TELLS OF SUSPECTS

George St. Marie, an acquaintance of the missing man, said he saw two men shadowing Bremer and his brother, Adolph Jr., Tuesday night.

St. Marie, an employee of a public utility concern said:

"I noticed two strangers whispering and looking intently at Mr. Bremer. I heard one of the men say to the other 'that isn't the man, it's the other' and pointing to Mr. Edward Bremer."

"Both acted suspiciously, St. Marie said, 'and might have been connected with the kidnaping.'"

Bremer, underworld reports said, was marked for abduction by a Chicago gang last fall and, for a time, went about with a bodyguard. Recently, however, he has been unaccompanied.

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## Find Blood in Bremer Auto

ST. PAUL, Jan. 19.—(AP)—Blood stains found on front and rear seats of Edward G. Bremer's automobile today inspired fear for the safety of the 37-year-old bank president, held for \$200,000 ransom by kidnapers who have threatened him with death.

The revelation that blood was smeared on the front seat of the Bremer sedan came only today, though it was found in an outlying residential district Wednesday, shortly after the kidnaping.

Indications were that Bremer, owner of the Commercial State Bank, whose father, Adolph Bremer, is a personal friend of President Roosevelt, was brutally slugged when he resisted his captors as they invaded his car.

### DRAGGED INTO CAR.

Then, presumably, sprang from the family said, the unobscured man was dragged into the back seat by one of his captors.

The rear seat was stained with blood and the stains were such as to show that Bremer had bled profusely.

A ransom note, left at the home of Walter Magee, wealthy contractor and friend of the missing man, gave instructions for assembling \$200,000 for his freedom and warned

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he would be killed if the police were summoned or the newspapers notified.

Dr. Russell R. Noice, Minneapolis physician, reported to police of that city today he had seen a man resembling Bremer riding in a coupe with another man last night in North Minneapolis. The man he believed might be Bremer had a bandage over one eye, Dr. Noice said.

### LEGION TAKES UP HUNT.

Meanwhile the American Legion was organizing a comprehensive search by its members for the missing banker. Minnesota posts were being mobilized for the purpose and plans were being pushed to extend the effort into neighboring states.

Edward W. Carruth of Harrington, Kan., national vice commander of the Legion, who spoke here last night, endorsed the plan. Both Bremer and William Hamm Jr., who paid \$100,000 to kidnapers last June, are Legionnaires.

Meanwhile, the kidnapers who "snatched" their victim last Wednesday were reported to have made no effort up to early today to communicate with either the Bremers or their friends. The family was represented as prepared to pay the full \$200,000 ransom.

### FATHER IS ILL.

The elder Bremer, the first man to predict to President Roosevelt in Chicago that he would be the next President, is in ill health, yet despite that, he and an unmarried daughter, Miss Louise Bremer, maintained a long vigil at their home last night, hoping the kidnapers would communicate with friends or relatives of the missing man.

As the hours dragged on, their hopes vanished though the abductor's instructions to insert a two-line advertisement in the Thursday morning edition of the Minneapolis Tribune had been followed. The advertisement, in the personal column, read:

"We are ready. "ALICE."

### U. S. BUSY ON CASE.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—(AP)—J. Edgar Hoover, director of investigation of the Department of Justice, told reporters today a special detail of agents had been sent into St. Paul to assist the government's staff there in working on the Edward G. Bremer abduction case.

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# BANKER IS HELD BY ABDUCTORS; \$200,000 ASKED

## St. Paul Man Seized on Way to Work.

(Pictures on Back Page.)

St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 18.—[Special.]—Following out the orders of kidnapers who today seized Edward G. Bremer, wealthy president of the Commercial State bank, and are holding him for \$200,000 ransom, members of the Bremer family today inserted in the Minneapolis Tribune a two line advertisement. It read:

"We are ready. Alive."

Although the relatives of the captive and the police declined to discuss the message, it was understood that the printing of the advertisement was a necessary preliminary to further negotiations for the banker's release and that the method was suggested to Walter Magee, his close friend, to whom the ransom demand was made.

Late tonight the banker's aged father pleaded with authorities to drop their efforts to free his son for fear their action might endanger the son's life.

### Member of Wealthy Family.

Bremer, who belongs to one of St. Paul's wealthiest families, was seized by the kidnapers this morning as he was returning from the school to which he had taken his 8 year old daughter. He is the son of Adolph Bremer, part owner of the Jacob Schmidt Brewing company, and a nephew of Otto Bremer, chairman of the American National bank and Minnesota manager of the Home Owners Loan corporation. It is believed the family is prepared to meet the ransom demands.

...of the family to pay the ransom had been unsuccessful by early tonight, according to reports.

The kidnaping was the second in St. Paul in seven months. Last June William Hamm Jr., president of the Hamm Brewing company, was seized and held until \$100,000 ransom was paid. The Roger Touhy gang, four of whom are now on trial in Chicago for the kidnaping of John Factor, were tried and acquitted of the Hamm kidnaping here last November.

### Seized on Way to Bank.

Bremer was seized some time between 8:15 and 10 a. m. yesterday. He took his daughter to Summit school, as was his custom, on his way to the bank. The child arrived safely at the school. Mr. Bremer's failure to arrive at the bank caused little anxiety, as associates assumed he had stopped on some business call.

Near noon Walter Magee, prominent St. Paul contractor and a close friend of the kidnaped man, received the first word from the abductors, according to reports. Magee said today he knew nothing of the affair. All information came from outside sources.

### Threats Over Telephone.

Answering the telephone in his office, according to information, Magee was told that his friend, Bremer, had been kidnaped. He was warned, it was reported, that any attempt to communicate with police or newspapers would result in the immediate death of Bremer. He was also told that a note would be found on the steps at the rear entrance to his office. Efforts to trace the mysterious call proved fruitless.

Under a mat on the back steps of the office was found a typewritten note signed by Edward Bremer. The note apparently had been written and then folded and Bremer forced to sign it without knowing its contents.

### Note Demands \$200,000.

The note, it is reported, said Bremer had been taken captive by the kidnap gang and that he was held in a safe place and unharmed. A demand for \$200,000 for his safe return was made. Again a threat of death for their victim was made unless the demands were met or in case police and newspapers were notified. The demand was that the money be in \$5, \$10, and \$20 bills of used currency and not of consecutive numbers.

In the telephone call to Magee his mysterious informant said that Bremer's automobile would be found in a certain spot, near the Highland Park water tower. It was not found there, however, but was discovered about a mile away.

Since the finding of the automobile federal agents and police have been attempting to track down the kidnapers. Leaving lanes open to affect Bremer's release, they withheld news of the abduction until early this afternoon.

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**HELD FOR RANSOM.**

Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, seized by kidnapers who seek \$200,000.

(Story on page 1.)



[Acme Photo.]

**HOME OF ST. PAUL BANKER HELD BY KIDNAP GANG FOR \$200,000 RANSOM.**

Residence of Edward G. Bremer, wealthy St. Paul resident and president of the Commercial State bank, who was kidnaped. Bremer was seized on Wednesday after he had taken his daughter to school. His family is ready to pay.

(Story on page 1.)

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**SON IS KIDNAPED.**  
Adolph Bremer, St. Paul  
brewer, whose son, Edward,  
is held for \$200,000 ransom.  
(Story on page 1.)



[Acme Photo.]

**KIDNAP GO-BETWEEN.**  
Walter Magee, contractor,  
gets first word of Bremer  
kidnaping. (Story on page 1.)



**UNCLE OF VICTIM.**  
Otto Bremer, Home Loan  
corporation manager, fig-  
ures in St. Paul kidnaping.  
(Story on page 1.)

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## Blood Stains in Car Excite Fear For the Life of Kidnapped Banker

Bremer Family, Without Further Word From Abductors, Hold  
\$200,000 in Readiness—St. Paul Police and Heavily Armed  
Federal Force Mark Time on Plea of Father.

By The Associated Press.

ST. PAUL, Jan. 2.—Anxiety for the welfare of Edward G. Bremer, prisoner of kidnappers demanding \$200,000, grew today as blood stains were found on the seats of his abandoned automobile.

Mindful of death threats in the ransom note, the backdoor step of Walter Magee's office, wealthy St. Paul contractor and friend of the family, the family had assembled \$200,000 in old \$5, \$10 and \$20 bills according to instructions.

Mystery, however, surrounded the movements of the gang that abducted the son of the banker, a personal friend of President Roosevelt and principal owner of the Jacob Schmidt Brewing Company. Not since the note and blood-stained car of the Commercial State Bank's president and owner were found has any contact been established with the kidnappers.

Spotches of blood on both front

and rear seats of the automobile from which Mr. Bremer was kidnapped between 8:15 A. M. and 11 A. M. Wednesday, after taking his daughter, Betty, 8 years old, to school, stained the cushions.

The stains indicated, the authorities said, that Mr. Bremer struggled desperately with his captors, who probably numbered at least three, and was subdued with a blow on the head. Apparently he was then dragged into the rear seat, where he was guarded by one of the gang, while a companion drove the car to a nearby residential district. The Bremer car, presumably, was followed by the gang's own automobile, driven by a third man.

The condition of the banker, who is 57 years old, was of great concern to his family, which recalled that his signature on the ransom note was a shaky scrawl. It

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Associated Press Photo.



Times Wide World Photo.

Edward G. Bremer, Who Is Being  
Held for \$200,000 Ransom.

Walter Magee, on Whose Office Step  
the Ransom Note Was Left.

## FEARS EXPRESSED FOR LIFE OF BREMER

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obviously was signed soon after his abduction, authorities said.

The city police abided by Adolf Bremer's plea not to "make any move that will endanger Eddie's safety," and marked time awaiting his release. The Federal Bureau of Investigation, however, marshaled its forces here, heavily armed, determined to hunt down the abductors. The Federal inquiry was masked in secrecy.

At the same time, State officials of the American Legion shape plans to throw their organization behind the drive to apprehend the kidnappers and free Mr. Bremer.

Preliminary arrangements provided for a thorough combing of Minnesota communities by legionnaires and establishment of a bureau of information on the case. Legionnaires of neighboring States also were asked to lend their aid.

### Describes the Kidnapping.

James Quinehan, a milk wagon driver, the first known eyewitness of the outrage, told tonight how the kidnappers seized the banker.

"I was driving east on Goodrich Avenue," he said. "At Dunlap Street I stopped to let a bunch of kids cross the street to the Summer School near by.

"A block away I saw two automobiles. The Bremer car had stopped before crossing Lexington Avenue, an arterial highway, when suddenly another big sedan pulled up squarely in front of it. It looked to me like an accident. It was between 8:20 and 8:30 in the morning.

"I turned my head a moment to say hello to some of the kids and when I looked back again I saw the kidnapper's automobile moving away with the Bremer car following. I must have stopped there about two minutes before I went along.

"I didn't see any of the men in the cars and I couldn't identify

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One possible clue was under investigation by Federal forces, directed by Harold Nathan, assistant to J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the Bureau of Investigation at Washington, and Frank J. Blake, who came here by plane from the Southwest, where he directed the search for abductors of Charles Urschel, millionaire Oklahoma oil man.

That was the story of George St. Marie, an acquaintance of Mr. Bremer, who bowed with the missing man and his brother, Adolph Jr., Tuesday night. St. Marie said he espied two strangers whispering and intently watching the bank president and once pointing to him.

Whether the pair were "finger men" for the kidnapers, authorities refused to theorize, though they dismissed as without promise the story of Dr. Russell R. Nolce, a Minneapolis physician.

A man resembling Mr. Bremer, with a bandage over his eye and around his head, Dr. Nolce told police in that city, was seen by him riding in a coupé with another man in North Minneapolis last night. Dr. Nolce based the resemblance he noted on newspaper pictures of the kidnapped man.

The Bremer family, in inserting an advertisement in the personal column of The Minneapolis Tribune's Thursday morning edition, reading, "We are ready. Alice," have carried out the only instructions so far received from the abductors.

#### Force Sent From Washington.

Special to The New York Times.  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—Kidnaping experts of the Department of Justice were ordered to St. Paul today to aid in solving the abduction of Edward G. Bremer.

J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the Division of Investigation of the Department of Justice, was in touch by telephone with Werner Hanni, head of the St. Paul office of the department.

Mr. Hoover's kidnapping squad has solved every abduction case to which it has been assigned since the Federal Abduction Law was enacted.

Adolph Bremer, father of the victim, asked that the Federal agents take no steps to interfere with his personal negotiations for the safe return of his son. Mr. Keenan, an Assistant Attorney General, said tonight:

"No steps will be taken directly or indirectly to jeopardize the safe return of the victim to his family."

## ROOSEVELT PLEDGES U. S. AID IN HUNT FOR BREMER KIDNAPERS

*Philadelphia*  
**Blood in Banker's Auto  
Arouses Fear Gang  
Slew Victim.**

*1-20-34*  
ST. PAUL, Jan. 19. — President Roosevelt has pledged full support of the Federal Government toward the release of Edward G. Bremer and the capture of his kidnapers.

That announcement came today while new fears were arising for the safety of Bremer, a wealthy banker, who was seized Wednesday morning by a gang demanding \$200,000 ransom.

Discovery of bloodstains on the seats of his abandoned automobile chilled the family with the fear that he is seriously injured or perhaps dead.

Mindful of death threats in the ransom note left on the backdoor step of the office of Walter Magee, wealthy contractor and friend of the Bremers, the family assembled the \$200,000 in old \$5, \$10 and \$20 bills according to instructions. They then awaited further word.

Silence, however, screened movements of the abductors of Bremer, the son of Adolph Bremer, who is a personal friend of President Roosevelt. Not since the note and banker's car were found has any contact been established with them.

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## Roosevelt Aids Kidnap Search

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The condition of the 37-year-old banker was of great concern to his family, who recalled that his signature on the ransom note was but a shaky scrawl.

Police placed little credence in a taxicab driver's story that two men he picked up last night gave him a ransom note for delivery to the missing man's home. Authorities believed he penned it for newspaper publicity

and after questioning he was released.

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### Acquaintance Gives Clue.

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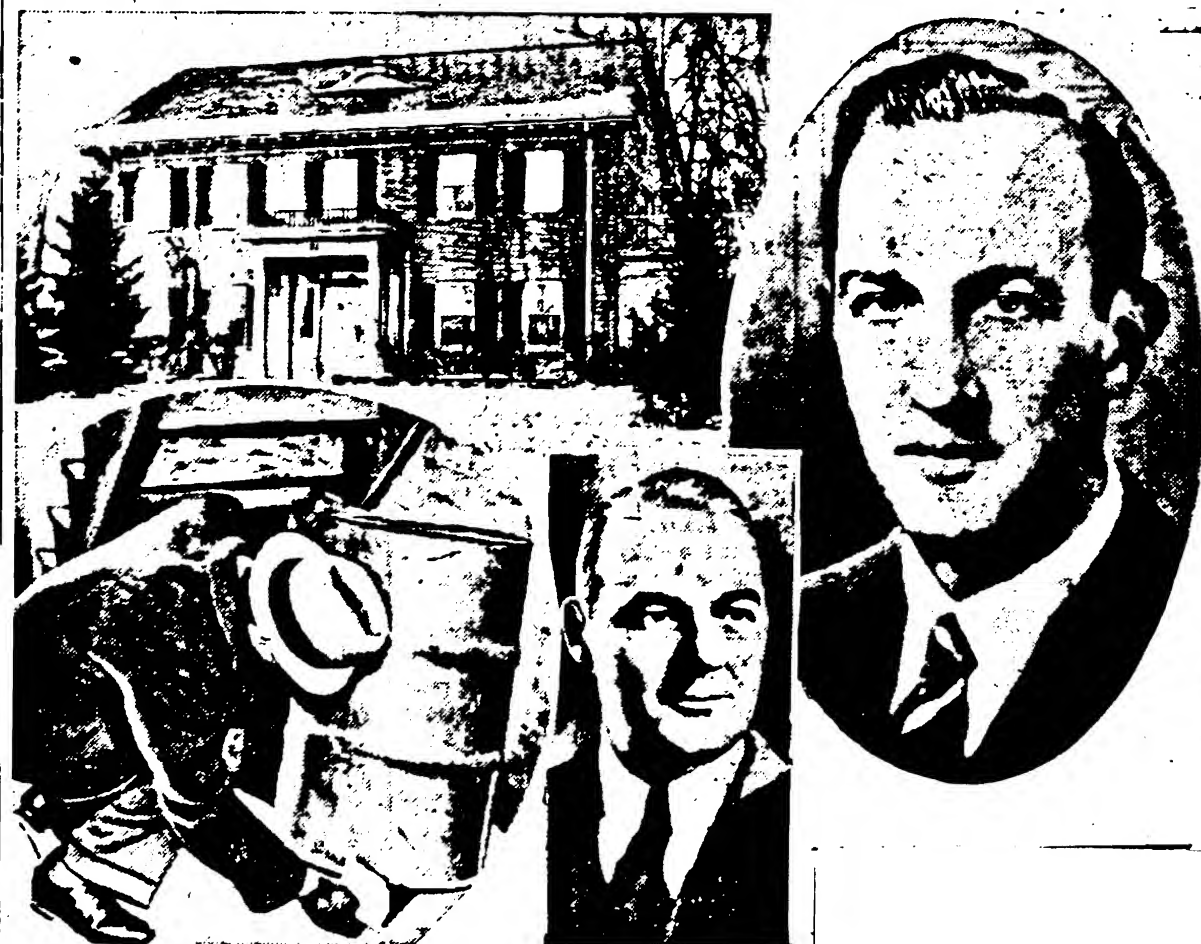
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# BREMER KIDNAPPING SCENES AND FIGURES



Above is pictured the residence at St. Paul, Minn., of Edward G. Bremer, banker kidnapped and held for \$200,000 ransom, whose portrait appears in the inset at the right. Below (left) is a picture of the rear entrance of the home of Walter W. Magee (pictured at the right), where Magee, a personal friend of Bremer, found the ransom note after receiving a telephone call from the kidnapers.

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# BLOOD STAINS STIR FEAR FOR KIDNAP VICTIM

Auto Gives Evidence That  
St. Paul Banker Was  
Badly Beaten in \$200,-  
000 Abduction

Milkman Gives First Eye-wit-  
ness Account of Bremer's  
Capture; U. S. Aids in Wide  
Search

ST. PAUL, Jan. 19 (A. P.).—An  
eye witness to the \$200,000 kidnap-  
ping of Edward G. Bremer tonight  
gave the first description of some of  
the circumstances surrounding the  
wealthy banker's abduction last  
Wednesday.

He is James Quinehan, a milk  
wagon driver, who told how the  
kidnappers seized the 37-year-old  
owner and president of the Com-  
mercial State Bank.

"I was driving east on Goodrich  
ave.," said Quinehan, who delivers  
milk to the home of Otto Bremer,  
uncle of the missing man, "until I  
reached Dunlap st., where I stop-  
ped to let a bunch of kids cross the  
street to the Summit school nearby.

Saw Two Autos

"A block away, I saw two auto-  
mobiles. The Bremer car had stop-  
ped before crossing Lexington ave.,  
an arterial highway, when suddenly  
another big sedan pulled up square-

ly in front of it. It looked to me  
like an accident. It was between  
8:20 and 8:30 in the morning.

"I turned my head a moment to  
say hello to some of the kids, and  
when I looked back again, I saw  
the kidnappers' automobile moving  
away with the Bremer car follow-  
ing. I must have stopped there  
about two minutes before I went  
along.

"I didn't see any of the men in  
the cars and I couldn't identify  
them."

Quinehan said it wasn't until lat-  
er, when talking with Miss Louise  
Bremer, sister of the missing man,  
that he decided he had seen the ab-  
duction. Both concluded the milk-  
man had seen the seizure of Miss  
Bremer's brother, and he was urged  
to tell police.

U. S. Aids Investigation

Despite this development, mys-  
tery still veiled the case tonight  
as Federal investigators pressed  
their search.

Meanwhile, Gov. Floyd B. Olson,  
Farmer-Laborite, a friend of the  
banker's father, Adolph Bremer,  
staunch Democrat, visited the aged  
and ill father to express his sym-  
pathy.

Blood stains on both front and  
rear seats of the automobile driven  
by Bremer, when he was made cap-  
tive, instilled anxiety in the Bremer  
family for his safety.

Presumably he was beaten on the  
head by his captors, dragged into  
the back seat, and taken to an out-

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Bremer's plea not to "make any move that will endanger Eddie's safety," and marked time awaiting his release. The Federal Bureau of Investigation, however, marshalled its forces here, heavily armed, determined to hunt down the abductors. The Federal inquiry was masked in secrecy.

At the same time, State officials of the American Legion shaped plans to throw their organization behind the drive to apprehend the kidnapers and free Bremer.

Preliminary arrangements provided for a thorough combing of Minnesota communities by Legionnaires and establishment of a bureau of information on the case. Legionnaires of neighboring States also were to be asked to lend their aid.

One possible clue was under investigation by Federal forces, directed by Harold Nathan, assistant to J. Edgar Hoover, Chief of the Bureau of Investigation at Washington, and Frank J. Blake, who came here by plane from the Southwest where he directed the search for abductors of Charles Urachel, millionaire Oklahoma oil man.

That was the story of George St. Marie, an acquaintance of Bremer, who bowled with the missing man and his brother, Adolph Jr., Tuesday night. St. Marie said he espied two strangers whispering and intently watching the bank president and once, pointing to him.

Whether the two were "finger men" for the kidnapers, authorities refused to theorize.

lying residential district where he was transferred into the kidnapers own car and his machine abandoned.

Police placed little credence in a taxicab driver's tale that two men he had picked up last night had given him a ransom note for delivery to the missing man's home. Authorities claimed he had penned it himself for publicity. He was questioned and released.

It was recalled, however, that when William Hamm, Jr., millionaire president of the Theodore Hamm Brewing Company, was kidnapped for \$100,000 last June, a ransom note was given a cab driver. It was not disclosed until weeks later, though the driver at that time was questioned and released.

Mindful of death threats in the ransom note left on the backdoor step of the office of Walter Magee, wealthy St. Paul contractor and friend of the Bremers, the family had assembled the \$200,000 in old \$5, \$10 and \$20 bills according to instructions.

The condition of the 37-year-old banker was of great concern to his family, which recalled that his signature on the ransom note was but a shaky scrawl. It obviously was signed soon after his abduction, authorities said.

City police abided by Adolph

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# KIDNAP SEARCH GETS PLEDGE OF ROOSEVELT AID

By Universal Service  
ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 19.—A new terror gripped the family and friends of Edward G. Bremer today when it was revealed that the automobile from which the young banker was taken by his kidnapers last Wednesday was stained with blood and marked with signs of a violent struggle.

The \$200,000 the bandits demanded for the release of the scion of one of the wealthiest families in St. Paul is all ready to be handed over.

## ROOSEVELT AID PLEDGED

Two telegrams were received today from President Roosevelt, close friend of Bremer's father, pledging the full support of the Government. One was addressed to the father, Adolph Bremer, one of the President's most ardent supporters in the last campaign. The other was addressed to the family, expressing sympathy.

## FEAR FOR LIFE

The great fear is for the life of the victim who was "snatched" by the gang shortly after he had left his little daughter off at her school.

The car was found near Highland Park shortly after the abduction. According to the authorities it was "covered with blood."

Whether this was the result of a struggle by the young banker or of a slaying is what is holding the family in a state of anxious fear.

A far-reaching development in the search was revealed by authorities tonight with the discovery of an eyewitness to the abduction.

According to the police, the eyewitness, an all-important link, is a milk driver who delivers in the vicinity.

His name is James Quinahan and he told police that about the time of the abduction he saw several men stop a car and scramble in. This incident occurred in the vicinity of the Summit School, to which the victim had taken his child.

Scores of city, county and Federal agents are on the hunt. Every possible precaution is being taken and every channel is carefully followed.

MR. NATHAN.....
MR. TOLSON.....
MR. CLEGG.....
MR. COWLEY.....
MR. EDWARDS.....
MR. GARDNER.....
MR. QUINN.....
MR. LESTER.....
MR. LOCKE.....
MR. ROBLE.....
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## Has Ransom



In seclusion at her home, Mrs. Edward G. Bremer is awaiting news from the kidnapers of her husband. She has the \$200,000 ransom ready, it is reported.

## Bremer Is Believed to Be Alive Despite Letter to Contrary

Signature on Original Ransom Note Is Identified as That of Wealthy Young Executive

ST. PAUL — Edward G. Bremer was believed to be alive today, tho a note was received by Postmaster W. C. Robertson saying the kidnapers had killed the young bank president by mistake.

The note, however, was believed to be the work of a crank.

Feeling that Bremer was alive was due to identification of the signature on the first ransom note received by his father, as Bremer's handwriting, indicating that he was not killed in a struggle with the kidnapers when they picked him up.

### BELIEVE HE FOUGHT

It was felt certain by police, however, that he did put up a struggle in his car when first accosted by the gangsters, and this was indicated by blood found in the auto.

Police also had the report of James Quinehan, milk wagon driver who said he saw the Bremer auto being stopped by another car on Summit-av last Wednesday morning. Both autos were driven away almost immediately after he saw them, Quinehan said. The Bremer auto followed the other car, he said.

Bremer's car was found less than a mile from his father's

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## Bremer Is Believed Alive Despite Note

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brewery. In the snow around the car were many footprints. Police said, however, that all of the prints were made by three men. Bloodstains in the snow indicated one man had stood still and attempted to staunch the flow of blood from a wound, presumably a bleeding nose.

From the position of bloodstains in the front seat of Bremer's auto, police deduced that Bremer had been forced to drive the car at the point of a gun to the spot where it was found.

### MAY HAVE STRUCK

Police believed the young banker seized an opportunity and struck one of his captors on the nose. This man bled in the front seat of the car. Other captors were believed to have closed with Bremer and eventually subdued him, probably with a pistol blow on the head, police said.

It was at this place, police believed, that the abductors had parked the automobile in which Bremer was spirited away. As a result of the unexpected fight, the kidnapers slipped up in part of the machinery of their plot, it was said, and forgot to move Bremer's car.

### PROFICIENT WITH FISTS

When Walter Magee, friend of the Bremer family, was notified of the kidnaping Wednesday an anonymous caller told him the victim's car would be found near the Dale-st reservoir. The car actually was found on the other side of the city. It was believed that the caller was not informed of the slip-up in plans.

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MR. QUINN .....  
MR. LESTER .....

Bremer's friends supported the police theory, pointing out that the strapping, athletic banker was proficient with his fists and had declared that he would fight if any kidnaping attempt was made.

One associate said he had discussed the possibilities of a kidnaping plot aimed at Bremer less than 10 days ago. He asked Bremer if he was anxious.

"Hell, no," the banker said, "kidnapers are yellow."

Bremer then flexed his arm and swung it playfully as the delivering a punch, his friend said.

Despite the police theory, the victim's father and uncle, Adolph and Otto Bremer, were frantic. The father pleaded with police and Federal agents to give him a free hand in negotiating for his son's safe return. He announced that \$200,000 ransom money had been prepared and that he was awaiting word from the kidnapers.

### NOTE UNSTAMPED

The note received today was unstamped and apparently had been placed in a mailbox in the Minneapolis business district late yesterday, Robertson said. It was addressed to "The Postmaster at Minneapolis."

The note read:

"To a Federal Officer:

"Very sorry, but Ed Bremer is resting in peace—was by accident. Body near Anoka. Will not be found until snow leaves. Contact all off. Please forgive us. All a mistake by one of our gang. Benn drunk. Please tell Walter Magee."

The only signature was a crudely drawn insignia on the lower part of the note paper.

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Fair tonight; Saturday partly cloud  
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## Bloodstained Car Roosevelt Ass



New York Market Quotations

# MINNEAPOLIS JOURNAL

FRIDAY EVENING, JANUARY 19, 1934.

PRICE TWO CENTS IN MINNEAPOLIS

## Ar Arouses Fear for Bremer; sures Family of Federal Help

Father Pleads With Police to Retire From  
Case to Allow Payment of \$200,000  
Ransom

NATHAN ARRIVES TO PUSH U. S.  
SEARCH FOR KIDNAPER GANG

Investigators Believe Abductors Slugged St.  
Paul Banker, Then Dragged Him  
From Auto

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MR. QUINN.....  
MR. ROSTER....  
MR. ROYCE.....  
MR. RORER.....

The Minneapolis Journal  
Minneapolis, Minnesota  
January 19, 1934

Paul Bremer, then dragged from

## From Auto

Pictures on Page 9

Discovery of bloodstains in the automobile from which Edward G. Bremer was dragged by kidnapers, who are demanding \$200,000 for his release, today indicated the St. Paul banker had put up a fight before he was overcome and brought fear to his family that he may have been seriously injured.

While the Bremer family pleaded with police and government officials to retire from the case and allow them to pay the ransom and insure the return of the 37-year-old banker, son of Adolph Bremer, wealthy brewer and capitalist, reports from Washington to The Journal indicated the department of justice is spreading an unparalleled dragnet for the kidnapers.

"The director of the bureau of investigation can be quoted as saying the government will send as many men as are needed to investigate this case," said Sam Cowley, assistant to J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the bureau.

Asked how many men were being sent, Mr. Cowley repeated that "as many as are needed will be used."

### **Adolph Bremer Receives Pledge Of Help From President Roosevelt**

Inasmuch as Adolph Bremer, a power in the democratic party, is said to have received two messages from President Roosevelt, one expressing condolence on the kidnaping of his son and the other assuring the grief-torn father of "full government co-operation," it is expected the department of justice will put an unprecedented number of men on the case. Only the kidnapers' demands in the Urschel case meet the ransom set in the Bremer case.

"Is there any possibility that either Mr. Hoover or yourself will come to St. Paul to take charge for the government?" Mr. Cowley was asked in the telephone conversation.

"There is such a possibility," was the answer.

As the bloodstains were discovered in the car Mr. Bremer was driving when kidnaped, the family was asking police and government to withdraw, so that the ransom could be paid and Edward Bremer's safety assured.

"Leave us alone to carry through our plans," Adolph Bremer pleaded. "We want to get our Eddie safely back home."

### **Ace Federal Agent Arrives at St. Paul; Other Picked Operatives Also on Job**

While there was no interference with the family's plans, the federal dragnet was being elaborately prepared, to be swung into action the moment members of the family indicated they had been satisfied all possible efforts had been made to effect the return of the kidnaped man.

An airplane winged to St. Paul from Dallas, Texas, bringing Frank J. Blake, ace investigator in the Urschel kidnaping case. Another landed from Washington, bringing several picked department of justice men. It was reported one more squad of federal agents was en route to St. Paul by train.

Harold Nathan, assistant to Mr. Hoover, the director of the department of justice at Washington, arrived in St. Paul today with one of the federal agents. He headed the federal investigation of the

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Harold Nathan, assistant to Mr. Hoover, the director of the department of justice at Washington, arrived in St. Paul today with one squad of federal agents. He headed the federal investigation of the Hamm case. He immediately went into conference with St. Paul police authorities.

The government—which did not enter the William Hamm, Jr., kidnap investigation until six weeks after Mr. Hamm had been returned—was losing no time in this case. It became evident it intends to “jump” on the investigation from the beginning and determine afterward whether it has jurisdiction.

### ***Indicates That Bremer Had Been Slugged in His Own Car by Abductors***

Discovery of bloodstains in the Bremer automobile were hushed up until today, although the automobile was found late Wednesday.

From authoritative sources, it was reported two large splotches of blood and a smeary streak of blood were found in the driver's seat of the car, which was abandoned about a mile south and east of the Highland Park water tower, in south St. Paul. The smear pointed toward the right hand door of the car. Investigators believed it meant only one thing: that Mr. Bremer had been brutally slugged by his abductors. Blood traces were found in the rear seat also.

A careful check of Mr. Bremer's abandoned automobile by Bertillon experts failed to bring any fingerprints to light.

Probably, they reason, kidnapers jumped into the rear of his automobile as he was driving to his office Wednesday morning, some time between 8:30 and 9 a.m., and directed him to drive into the Highland park district. It is probable, they said, that Mr. Bremer protested or made some struggle and was slugged. There was the other possibility, they pointed out, that he had been slugged the moment the kidnapers stopped his car, and then dragged into another machine.

### ***Family Believed to Have Money at Hand Waiting Word From Gangsters***

There were several indications that the family—which is one of the wealthiest in St. Paul—had already complied with the kidnapers' demands to prepare the package containing \$200,000 in old currency of \$5, \$10 and \$20 denominations, and is waiting for instructions to deliver the ransom. At noon today, as far as could be learned, the kidnapers had not contacted the family.

Meanwhile, numerous reports began to pour in to police.

Dr. Russell R. Noice, 1707 Russell avenue N., reported to police that he had seen a man, with blindfold on his eyes, slumped down in the seat of a small coupe which was driving out West Broadway, at Emerson avenue N., yesterday at 6 p.m. The man had the same general characteristics of Mr. Bremer, Dr. Noice reported. The physician followed the car for several blocks, according to the police report, and saw it swing out onto the highway toward Anoka.

George St. Marie, an acquaintance of Mr. Bremer, told police he saw two men acting suspiciously the night before the kidnaping.

### ***Description of Pair Under Suspicion Given by Observer; Bremer Home Guarded***

“I was bowling with Mr. Bremer and his brother,” St. Marie said. “I noticed two strangers in the rear of the bowling alley. One of them said, ‘That isn't the man. It's the other,’ and he pointed at Edward Bremer.”

St. Marie furnished police with descriptions of the pair.

Werner Hanni, chief of the St. Paul bureau of the department of justice, was posted at the Bremer home, at 92 North Mississippi.

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# Gangdom's Latest Defi to Authority    :-    Highlights in Kidnaping    :-    Of Heir of Roc



**WALTER W. MAGEE**

Despite warning not to notify police, Magee, wealthy St. Paul contractor and friend of Bremer family, notified authorities on getting note from kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, demanding "200 grand."



**WHERE NOTE WAS FOUND**

A detective shows how the \$200,000 ransom note was found under a trash barrel in back of Magee's office after the kidnaping of Bremer, bank president and son of close friend of President Roosevelt. Authorities are checking every possible clue in one of the most intensive Secret Service hunts in history.



**ST. PAUL HOME OF KIDNAPED BANKER**

The palatial home of Bremer, on exclusive North Mississippi River blvd., St. Paul. Bremer was kidnaped after he left this house, apparently on the way to his

work. His abductors asked \$200,000 ransom under penalty of death. The victim is the son of Adolph Bremer, head of the West's biggest brewery.

(International News Photograph Service.)

elt Friend



**DOLPH BREMER**  
rewer, friend of President  
and father of kidnap vic-  
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Edward G. Bremer, 37, rich St. Paul banker, faces death at the hands of his kidnapers unless his relatives pay \$200,000 ransom demanded. (International News Photos.)

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MR. TOLSON .....  
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## THE WEATHER

Fair, colder tonight and tomorrow.

Sun rose, 7:17 a. m.; sun sets, 4:57 p. m. High tide Governors Island, 11:16 a. m. and 11:56 p. m.

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International News Service and Universal Service wire and cable reports.

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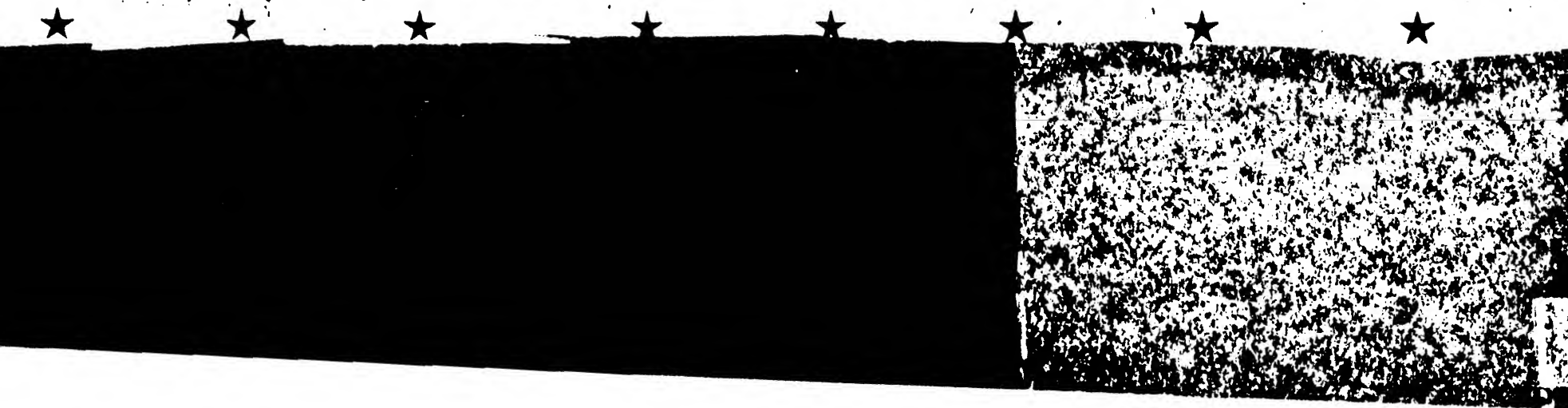
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# SOM WAITS BREMER KIDNAPERS



Just a Couple  
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**F. E. CAMPBELL**  
**DIES AT 62**

**\$200,000**

## Police, U. S. Obey Request to Save Banker's Life

(Pictures on Page 14.)

ST. PAUL, Jan. 19 (By International News Service).—Two hundred thousand dollars in ransom money was reported ready today to be paid to the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, prominent banker and member of the wealthy Bremer brewing family.

With virtually all police investigation halted, members of the family were reliably reported to have assembled the money in used bills of low denomination, and only waited for word as to where the ransom should be paid.

A report that blood stains had been found in the automobile from which Bremer was kidnaped Wednesday was denied by Chief of Police Thomas Dahill.

He said he had no connection with the case and that the kidnaping had not even been reported officially to police.

### TWO CONTACTS MADE

An invalid, the elder Bremer was keeping an almost ceaseless vigil at his spacious home, accompanied by his daughter, Miss Louise Bremer. Friends of the family admitted the brewing magnate was extremely apprehensive of the safety of his 37-year-old son, whose life had been threatened unless ransom demands were met.

Two contacts had been made with the kidnapers early today by members of his family, it was learned.

The eagerness of the family to cooperate, however, was learned through discovery of a small advertisement in the personal column of a Minneapolis paper, which said only these four mysterious words:

"We are ready. . . . Alice."

This was the signal agreed upon for a contact between the family

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NEW YORK, FRIDAY,

# BLOOD STAINS DISCOVERED IN BREMER'S CAR

Victim of Kidnap Band May  
Have Been Slain, Police  
Believe.

RAKSON MONKEYS WAITING

Selection of Anonymous New  
Up to Federal  
Agents to March.

ST. PAUL, Jan. 19.—Discovery of bloodstains in the automobile from which Edward G. Bremer was dragged by kidnapers has caused the banker's family to fear that he is seriously injured or perhaps dead, the United Press learned. The blood stains were discovered Wednesday, but not disclosed until today when Bremer's aged father, Adolph, a wealthy brewer and friend of President Hoover, made a plea for police action in efforts to secure Bremer's release. Two large, bloody smears streak crimson the cushions and floor of the machine. One of the smudges was on the driver's seat, the smear pointing toward the opposite car door, and the other stain was by the door on the floor.

KIDNAP



Edward G. Bremer.



Adolph Bremer, father of Edward (shown at top).

## BLOOD IS FOUND IN BREMER'S CAR

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They awaited the crucial contact with the kidnapers for final instructions as to payment. "Leave us alone to carry through our plans," Bremer's gray-haired father pleaded in asking publicly for police nonintervention. "We want to get our Eddie safely back to his family." Every indication was that his wish would be fulfilled, although the lengthening list of investigators made the possible attitude of authorities more uncertain. The latest arrival was Frank J. Blake, ace of the Federal Department of Investigation, who came by airplane from Texas to meet the first challenge of the Government's

war on crime since he helped send George (Machine Gun) Kelly's gang to prison for the Urnsel kidnaping at Oklahoma City.

American Legion Is Ready.

Typifying the growing public indignation, held in check at first by the suspense of the case, was the move of the American Legion to have its Minnesota and Wisconsin members hold themselves in readiness for "any emergency" arising out of the abduction. Also under consideration was a plan for a house-to-house canvass of the two States in a search for the missing banker.

The hours that passed without word from the kidnapers added to the uncertainty over Bremer's safety. The last contact was at 11 A. M. on Wednesday, when Walter Magee, Bremer's friend, was told of the kidnaping and directed to a ransom note.

Yesterday, the Bremer family inserted a newspaper advertisement saying "everything is ready," but

there was no sign of a reply through the same channel today.

St. Paul police were convinced the Bremer kidnaping was the work of the same gang that abducted Hamm. The new kidnaping occurred less than a week after the organization of an anti-kidnaping detail in the police department. Secrecy surrounded the movements of this widely heralded detail. It was thought likely that police were remaining outside the case until after Bremer's safety was assured.

Interests in Four States.

The abductors were defying not only the new anti-kidnaping police squad but also the vast power of the Bremer family. The interests of Adolph and Otto Bremer, Edward's father and uncle, extend throughout the State, the Dakotas and Montana.

The Bremer brothers have been the mainstays of the Democratic party in the Northwest for many years.

Young Bremer is president of the

Commercial State Bank of St. Paul. His uncle owns interests in a chain of banks throughout the Dakotas and Minnesota, headed by the American National Bank of St. Paul, an institution with \$15,000,000 in deposits.

Inspector of Detectives Charles J. Tierney, head of the anti-kidnaping detail, advanced the belief that the same gang was responsible for the Hamm and Bremer kidnappings.

"There is a local hand in this kidnaping, just like there was in the Hamm case," Inspector Tierney said. "The snatchers knew too much about Hamm to be outsiders and they knew too much about Bremer, for all I can gather. The same gang pulled both jobs."

Magee, a contractor, learned of the kidnaping about 11 A. M. Wednesday. He received an anonymous telephone call.

"We've snatched Ed. Bremer," a quiet voice said. "Don't get cited. Just go to the back room of your office. You'll find further instructions there. You'll find Ed's

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Investigators said the man had been battered over the head and dragged unconscious into another machine.

The selection of a rendezvous for payment of \$200,000 ransom demanded by the abductors was awaited today more anxiously than ever.

The index to the abductors' desperate character was found shortly after the abandoned motor was discovered by searchers on Wednesday afternoon.

Chief of Police Thomas Bahill, who has had sixty-seven men on "instant call" since the first rumors of the kidnaping, but who still is not officially in the case, learned of the car's recovery and upon examination found it "covered with blood," the United Press was informed.

Chief Bahill declined comment on the startling development, but did not challenge the verity of the information. Meanwhile, the ransom

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#### U. S. Agents Enter Case.

ASHINGTON, Jan. 19 (A. P.).  
Edgar Hoover, director of in-

vestigation of the Department of  
Justice, told reporters today a  
special detail of agents had been  
sent to St. Paul to assist the Gov-  
ernment's staff there in working  
on the Edward G. Bremer abduc-  
tion case.

Hoover said the department was  
searching for additional facts in  
the case and that no other com-  
ment could be made at present.

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MR. TOLSON  
MR. CLEGG  
MR. ELLIS  
MR. G. L. JONES  
MR. LESTER  
MR. QUINN  
MR. RAY  
MR. T. J. WATSON

## LEGION JOINS HUNT FOR KIDNAPED MAN

Death Threats Reach Family of  
Missing St. Paul Banker, Held  
for \$200,000 Ransom

### U. S. AGENT ARRIVES

St. Paul, Jan. 19—(AP)—American Legion members were called upon today to make an active search for Edward G. Bremer, 37, banker, held by kidnapers for \$200,000 ransom and threatened with death.

Spurred by the death threat, made in a note left on the back door step of the home of Walter Magee, a wealthy contractor and friend of the abducted president of a St. Paul bank, the local Legion outlined plans of the search by Minnesota members as well as by members in the neighboring States.

Edward W. Carruth, of Harrington, Kan., national vice commander of the Legion, who spoke here last night endorsed the plan. Both Bremer and William Hamm, Jr., who paid \$100,000 to kidnapers last June are Legion members.

The death threat was made to prevent a notification to the police or newspapers of the abduction, and caused the missing man's father, Adolph Bremer, a personal friend of President Roosevelt, to beg the city police to hold their forces in abeyance. They agreed.

Shortly after the elder Bremer voiced his plea, Frank J. Balke, star operative of the Federal Department of Justice, arrived here by airplane from Dallas, Tex., further swelling the Federal forces that are being mobilized here. No word was forthcoming from the Government men whether they would respect Mr. Bremer's request.

Meanwhile, the kidnapers who "snatched" their victim last Wednesday were reported to have made no effort up to early today to communicate with either the Bremers or their friends. The family was represented as prepared to pay the full \$200,000 ransom.

The elder Bremer, the first man to predict to President Roosevelt in Chicago that he would be the next President, is ill, yet despite that, he and an unmarried daughter, Miss Louise Bremer, maintained a long vigil at their home last night, hoping the kidnapers would communi-

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# AGED FATHER BEGS POLICE HALT HUNT FOR SON'S CAPTORS

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St. Paul Brewer, Friend of  
Roosevelt, Is Warned by  
Kidnappers - 19-34

ST. PAUL, Jan. 19 (A. P.).—Confronted with kidnappers' threats to kill his eldest son, Adolph Bremer, personal friend of President Roosevelt, tonight begged law enforcement agencies to cease their efforts to free the 37-year-old scion of the wealthy brewer's family.

The son, Edward G. Bremer, 37-year-old president and owner of a St. Paul bank, was abducted yesterday morning for \$200,000 ransom.

"Wait, don't make a move that will endanger Eddie's safety," beseeched Adolph Bremer, prominent Democrat, friend of the President and of Governor Floyd B. Olson and chief owner of the Jacob Schmidt Brewing Company.

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speaking for city authorities, agreed to abide by the father's request. Federal authorities remained silent regarding the elder Bremer's request.

"Wait, don't make a move that will endanger Eddie's safety," he beseeched the father, Adolph Bremer, prominent Democrat, and majority stockholder of the Jacob Schmidt Brewing Company.

For a time, there was expectation that a contact might be made, chiefly because of an advertisement inserted in a morning Minneapolis newspaper in accordance with the kidnappers' instructions.

Authorities, their numbers increased by Federal operatives mobilizing in the city, agreed to abide by the elder Bremer's wishes so that he might have a free hand in negotiating for the freedom of his son.

## Advertisement Placed

The advertisement that for a long time instilled hope in the elder Bremer that some communication would be received tonight, appeared in the morning edition of the Minneapolis Tribune. It read:

"We are ready."

"Alice."

The message conformed to instructions of the kidnappers, who left a typed note, signed by Bremer in a shaky hand, on the back door step of Walter Magee's home. Magee, wealthy St. Paul contractor, is a friend of the victim.

The note was interpreted as notification that the family was ready to pay the ransom. Bremer was abducted Wednesday morning, shortly after his return here from Chicago.

The first news of the kidnapping, however, did not leak out until today when details of a telephone conversation between Magee and the kidnappers was revealed.

"Well, we've got your friend, Bremer, and if you are not careful, we'll get you too," he was told.

The caller threatened death to Bremer if information concerning the case was revealed. Magee was informed that the note would be found on his back door step; the caller then hung up.

It was typewritten, and \$200,000 in old \$5, \$10, not numbered coins placed in a cardboard

## His Son Kidnapped



ADOLPH BREMER

Wealthy St. Paul brewer and friend of President Roosevelt, whose son, Edward G. Bremer, banker, is held by kidnappers demanding a \$200,000 ransom for his release.

MR. NATHAN...  
MR. TOLSON...  
MR. CLEGG...  
MR. COWLEY...  
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# BREWER URGES POLICE TO DROP HUNT FOR SON

Friend of Roosevelt  
Fears Abductors Will  
Kill Victim.

READY TO PAY SUM

St. Paul Scion Seized  
After Taking Child  
to School.

ST. PAUL, Jan. 18.—A kidnap gang, demanding \$200,000 ransom, tonight held Edward G. Bremer, president of the Commercial State Bank, under threat of death.

Bremer was seized yesterday just after he took his daughter to school. He is the 37-year-old son of Adolph Bremer, wealthy majority owner of the Jacob Schmidt Brewing Company.

The elder Bremer, a personal friend of President Roosevelt, tonight begged police to cease their efforts to find his son.

Don't Make a Move.

"Wait, don't make a move that will endanger Eddie's safety," the frantic father urged.

Chief of Police Thomas Dahill agreed to abide by the request, but Federal authorities remained silent.

The ransom money has been raised, and representatives of the family were said to be in touch with the abductors, although secrecy veiled their every move.

Was Marked by Gang.

Shortly after William Hamm, Jr., millionaire president of the Theodore Hamm Brewing Company, paid \$100,000 for his release last July, underworld figures here said the younger Bremer was slated to be kidnaped by a Chicago gang.

Yesterday morning an unidentified voice over the telephone threatened Walter Magee, wealthy contractor and friend of the Bremers, with the same fate.

"Well, we've got your friend, Bremer, and if you are not careful, we'll get you, too," Magee's caller said.

Warned to Keep Quiet.

Magee was told that Bremer would be slain if he called in police or communicated with newspapers. A note, the unidentified speaker said, would be found on Magee's back doorstep.

Though Magee refused to discuss the affair and police claimed they were not notified by the family, reliable sources tonight said the note, signed in a shaky hand by Bremer, gave directions for negotiating with the abductors.

It was typewritten, and demanded \$200,000 in old \$5, \$10 and \$20 bills not numbered consecutively. It directed that the money be placed in a cardboard box tied with a string, and held ready for delivery.

Reports Bremer Unharmed.

The note said Bremer was a prisoner in a safe place and was unharmed.

It further instructed Magee to insert an advertisement in the Minneapolis Tribune. Today this ad appeared in capital letters:

"We are ready. Allee."

Magee and members of the Bremer family then waited for further word.

The telephone call and the note were the only clues to the crime, carried out between 8:15 A. M. and 10 A. M. Bremer's automobile was found about a mile from an outlying residential district, where the voice over the phone said it was left.

No Witnesses Found.

No witnesses could be found who saw Bremer kidnaped somewhere between the Summit School and his bank.

Following the Hamm kidnaping, Bremer employed a bodyguard until two months ago. He returned yesterday from Chicago, and within three hours was "snatched."

The families of Bremer and Hamm are close friends.

With the disclosure of the Bremer kidnaping, Frank J. Balke, Department of Justice agent who played a prominent part in the conviction of the abductors of Charles F. Urschel in Oklahoma, left Dallas, Tex., for St. Paul by airplane.

M. P. Kinhead, county attorney, abandoned a job to return and re-

turned from Cedar Rapids, Ia., to aid in the investigation.

Inspector Tierney, diminutive head of St. Paul's anti-kidnap squad, believes the Bremer case is the work of a local gang.

"There's a local hand in this kidnaping, just like there was in the Hamm case," he said. "The catchers knew too much about Hamm to be outsiders, and they know too much about Bremer, from all I can gather. The same gang pulled both jobs."

Bremer's abduction was the fifth such crime here in the last two and a half years.

Hamm paid the largest sum for his freedom. Four Touhy gangsters, tried recently on charges of kidnaping him, were acquitted. A few days later one of their number, Willie Sharkey, committed suicide. The other three now are on trial in Chicago, charged with kidnaping John (Jake the Barber) Factor.

The other three St. Paul victims were Leon Glickman, insurance company head, Morris Rutman, dress shop owner, and Haskell Bohn, son of a wealthy refrigerator manufacturer. They paid \$23,400 for their freedom. Eight of 30 suspects arrested in connection with their cases were imprisoned.

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MR. NICHOLS  
MR. ROSEN  
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MR. TOLSON  
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MR. EDWARDS  
MR. ELLIOTT  
MR. GUINN  
MR. LESTER  
MR. LOCKE  
MR. POWER

## Find Ransom Demand for Banker in Taxi

Contact Between Kidnapers  
and Family Attempted,  
Police Believe.

By Associated Press.

ST. PAUL, MINN., January 19.—Contact between the family and kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, wealthy St. Paul banker held for \$200,000 ransom tonight was believed to have been attempted by the abductors when police took into custody an unidentified taxi cab driver.

A mysterious note, presumably containing the kidnapers' instructions for payment of the ransom money, which the Bremer family has assembled in full, was reported found in the cab by the driver.

Its contents and when and how it was placed in the cab were not immediately disclosed as authorities questioned him at police headquarters.

Anxiety for the safety of Bremer grew as splashes of blood on both front and rear seats of Bremer's automobile, from which he was kidnaped between 8:15 a. m. and 10 a. m. Wednesday, after taking 8-year-old Betty, his daughter, to school, were found staining the cushions.

They indicated, authorities said, that Bremer struggled desperately

with his captors, who probably numbered at least three, and was subdued with a vicious blow on the head. Apparently he was then dragged into the rear seat while a car was driven to an outlying residential district. The Bremer family, presumably, was followed by gang's own automobile, driven by a third man.

Federal Inquiry Under Way.

The condition of the 37-year-old banker was of great concern to his family, which recalled that his signature on the ransom note was but hasty scrawl. It obviously was used soon after his abduction, authorities said.

St. Paul police abided by Adolph Bremer's plea not to "make any move that will endanger Eddie's safety," and marked time awaiting release. The Federal Bureau of Investigation, however, marshaled its forces here, heavily armed, determined to hunt down the abductors. The federal inquiry is masked in secrecy.

At the same time, state officials of the American Legion shaped plans to throw their organization behind the drive to apprehend the kidnapers and free Bremer.

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# Brewer Fears for Safety of His Kidnaped Son

## ELDER BREMER ASKS POLICE TO WITHDRAW FROM SEARCH

**'Wait, Don't Make a  
Move,' Father Warns  
Authorities—Ransom  
of \$200,000 Asked for  
Man's Return.**

**PARENT PLEDGED  
HELP FROM U. S.**

**Prominent Democrat  
and Friend of Roose-  
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search for his kidnapers too dili-  
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In ill health and considerably up-  
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morning.  
"I am sorry the impression has  
been spread that information has  
been given to the police," Adolph  
Bremer said at his home. "What-  
ever information has been passed  
out has been given against my will  
and has created a wrong impres-  
sion."  
Chief of Police Thomas Dahill  
has been fine in offering every help  
he can give us, and we all appre-  
ciate it, but we do not want the po-  
lice or the state or federal authori-  
ties to do anything about it now.  
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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
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lying residential district where the  
voice over the telephone said it  
had been kidnapped.  
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MR. LOCKE.....  
MR. RORER.....

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MR. TOLSON	.....
MR. CLEGG	.....
MR. COWLEY	.....
MR. EDWARDS	.....
MR. FARMER	.....
MR. GUINN	.....
MR. LESTER	.....
MR. LOCKE	.....
MR. ROBERTS	.....

ST. PAUL BANKER  
HELD BY KIDNAPERS



EDWARD G. BREMER

BLOOD STAINS ON AUTO  
OF KIDNAPED BANKER

Father of E. G. Bremer Calls  
Off St. Paul Police; Ready  
to Pay Ransom.

By the Associated Press.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 19.—Blood stains on both front and rear seats of Edward G. Bremer's automobile, today caused fear for the life of the 37-year-old bank president, held for \$200,000 ransom by kidnapers who have threatened him with death.

Splotches of blood smeared the front seat of the Bremer sedan when it was found in an outlying residential district shortly after 10 a. m. Wednesday, it was reported today.

Indications were the kidnaped owner and head of the Commercial State Bank, whose father, Adolph Bremer, is a personal friend of President Roosevelt, was slugged on the head when he resisted his captors as they invaded his car.

Then, presumably, sources close to the family said, the unconscious man who at 8:15 a. m., Wednesday, had left his daughter, Betty, 8, at the Summit grade school and started for his office, was dragged into the back seat, which also was blood stained.

A ransom note, left at the home of Walter Magee, wealthy contractor and friend of the missing man, gave instructions for assembling the \$200,000 for his freedom and warned he would be killed if the police were summoned or the newspapers notified.

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# BREMER, KIDNAP VICTIM, KNOWN IN WASHINGTON

St. Paul Man Was Graduated  
From Two Local Universi-  
ties; Is Democratic Leader

Edward C. Bremer, who was kidnaped Wednesday in St. Paul, was popular here among the college set for six or seven years before he was graduated from Catholic University.

Bremer, who took an active interest in all student activities in the city, also was graduated from George Washington University.

One of young Bremer's closest friends while he attended school here was Joseph J. Keenan, Assistant Attorney General in charge of kidnaping prosecutions.

Keenan said last night that the news of young Bremer's abduction came as a great blow to him. He said that Bremer and his family were his "dearest friends."

The prosecutor of Machine-Gun Kelly in the famous Urschell kidnaping case, who has been threatened time and time again in kidnaping cases, refused last night to state whether or not he thought the boy's kidnaping was a direct slap at himself.

Keenan would not comment further than to say that Otto Bremer, prominent uncle of the kidnaped boy was one of his closest friends and advisors.

Federal agents are working with St. Paul police in the Bremer kidnaping case, though it has not yet been determined whether any Federal laws have been violated. J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the Department of Justice investigating division, said yesterday.

The kidnaped man is wealthy in his own right as president of the Commercial State Bank. Betty, his only child, is 9 years old. His father is head of the Jacob Schmidt Brewing Company, and his uncle, Otto Bremer, is president of the American National Bank—one of St. Paul's largest financial institutions. Adolph Bremer is an influential leader in the Democratic party.

MR. CLEGG  
MR. COWLEY  
MR. EDWARDS  
MR. EGAN  
MR. GILLES  
MR. LINTON  
MR. LYNCH  
MR. MORRIS

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WASHINGTON D. C. HERALD January 19, 1934.

## \$200,000 CASH RANSOM READY

ST. PAUL, Jan. 18 (U.P.).—Edward C. Bremer, 36-year-old bank president and son of a millionaire St. Paul brewer, today was in the hands of kidnapers as relatives and friends sought to obtain his freedom by payment of \$200,000 cash ransom.

The abductors, who snatched the bank president yesterday morning as he was motoring to work, are depending on classified advertisements in local newspapers to communicate with their victim's family and friends.

Bremer's father, Adolph Bremer is a friend of President Roosevelt. The fact that his son had been kidnaped first became known when an unidentified person telephoned Walter Magee, a contractor and friend of the abducted man:

"We've got your pal, Ed Bremer. Don't get excited. Go to the back room of your office. You'll find further instructions there. Ed's automobile is out at Dale Street reservoir."

Rushing into his back office, Magee found a note had been left there for him. It instructed him to get \$200,000 and wait. The money, it was stated in the crudely typewritten message, must be in bills of small denomination, and not bearing consecutive serial numbers. The note threatened death to Bremer if the money was not paid.

The note further instructed Magee to insert an advertisement in the Minneapolis Tribune. Today this ad appeared in capital letters:

"We are ready. Alice."

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MR. ED  
MR. FGA  
MR. QUIN  
MR. LESTER  
MR. LOCKE  
MR. RORER...

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## Kidnapers Hold This Man



EDWARD G. BREMER

# Blood Is Found in Kidnap Auto

**Family Has \$200,000 Ready  
to Pay for Banker's  
Release in St. Paul**

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ST. PAUL — A quantity of blood was discovered in the auto from which Edward G. Bremer, wealthy young banker, was dragged by kidnapers, it was learned today.

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MR. TOLSON .....  
MR. CLEGG .....  
MR. COWLEY .....  
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Police and the Bremer family feared that the kidnappers would murder at even odds as plans were being made for a meeting with the kidnapers to pay them the \$200,000 ransom.

### MONEY IS READY

The blood was found shortly after the abandoned car was located by searchers Wednesday afternoon.

Chief of Police Thomas Bahill learned of the car's recovery and upon examination found it "covered with blood."

Meanwhile, the ransom money awaited the contact with the kidnapers for final instructions as to payment. The victim's father, Adolph Bremer, wealthy brewer and friend of President Roosevelt, begged publicly for police not to interfere.

### LEAVE US ALONE

"Leave us alone to carry thru our plans," he pleaded. "We want to get our Eddie safely back to his family."

Every indication was that his wish

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## Kidnapers Demand Ransom of \$200,000

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would be fulfilled, the the lengthening list of investigators made the possible attitude of authorities uncertain.

The latest arrival was Frank J. Blake, ace of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, who came by airplane from Texas. Blake helped send George (Machine-Gun) Kelly's gang to prison for the Urschel kidnaping at Oklahoma City.

### LEGION ACTS

Typifying the growing public indignation, held in check at first by the suspense of the case, was the move of the American Legion to have its Minnesota and Wisconsin members hold themselves in readiness for "any emergency" arising out of the abduction. Also under consideration was a plan for a house-to-house canvass of the two states in a search for the missing banker.

The hours that passed without word from the kidnapers added to the uncertainty over Bremer's safety. The last contact was at 11 a. m. Wednesday, when Walter Magee, Bremer's friend, was told of the kidnaping and directed to a ransom note.

Yesterday, the Bremer family reported a newspaper advertisement saying "everything is ready," but there was no sign of a reply from the same channel today.

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- MR. NATHAN.....
- MR. TOLSON.....
- MR. CLEGG.....
- MR. COWLEY.....
- MR. EDWARDS.....
- MR. LEAN.....
- MR. CLINE.....
- MR. LESTER.....
- MR. LOCKE.....
- MR. FORER.....

AGENTS SENT TO ST. PAUL.

J. Edgar Hoover Says U. S. Seeks Clues in Kidnaping.

J. Edgar Hoover, director of investigation of the Department of Justice, told reporters today a special detail of agents had been sent into St. Paul to assist the Government's staff there in working on the Edward G. Bremer abduction case.

Hoover said the department was searching for additional facts in the case and that no other comment could be made at present.

Bremer was a law student at Catholic University from September, 1918, to January, 1919. He then transferred to George Washington University and was awarded the bachelor of laws degree from that institution in June, 1919. Later he also was awarded a master of laws degree at George Washington.

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# BLOODSTAIN CLUE SPEEDS HUNT FOR KIDNAPED BANKER

Evidence Found in Bremer Auto Indicates Brutal Beating.

ACE GOVERNMENT AGENT RUSHED INTO SEARCH

Fears for Safety Raised After Note Threatens Death Unless \$200,000 Is Paid.

## BULLETIN.

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## Kidnap Victim



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## Hopes Vanish.

As the hours dragged on, their hopes vanished, though the abductor's instructions to insert a two-line advertisement in the Thursday morning edition of the Minneapolis Tribune had been followed. The advertisement, in the personal column, read:

"We are ready.

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# BLOOD CLUE RAISES FEARS FOR BREMER

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The caller threatened death to Bremer if information concerning the case was revealed. Magee was informed that the note would be found on his back door-step and the caller then hung up.

The note was typewritten and demanded \$200,000 in old \$5, \$10 and \$20 bills.

## Saw Plotter.

George St. Marie, an acquaintance of the missing man, said he saw two men shadowing Bremer Tuesday night before he was abducted.

"I was bowling with Bremer and his brother, Adolph, jr., Tuesday night," St. Marie, an employee of a public utility concern said, "when I noticed two strangers whispering and looking intently at Mr. Bremer.

"I heard one of the men say to the other, 'That isn't the man, it's the other,' and pointing to Mr. Edward Bremer."

Both acted suspiciously, St. Marie said, and might have been connected with the kidnaping.

Bremer, underworld reports said, was marked for abduction by a Chicago gang last Fall, and for a time went about with a bodyguard. Recently, however, he has been unaccompanied. Bremer returned Monday night from Chicago.

The death threat note found at Magee's home was discovered after Magee had been called on the telephone at his office by one of the plotters. The kidnap victim's uncle, Otto, prominent Democrat and chairman of the board, American National Bank, is State manager for the Home Owners' Loan Corporation.

Mrs. Bremer, wife of the kidnap victim, and their 8-year-old daughter, Betty, were in seclusion at their home today. Mrs. Bremer was upset, a maid said last night, but otherwise was bearing up well.

Mr. and Mrs. Bremer were married 10 years ago. Betty is their only child. Mrs. Adolph Bremer, his mother, is dead.

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## Gang Kidnaps Banker, Once D. C. Student

Father, Roosevelt Friend,  
Begs Police to Quit;  
\$200,000 Offered.

St. Paul, Jan. 18 (AP).—An aged father, personal friend of President Roosevelt and Gov. Floyd B. Olson, tonight begged law enforcement agencies to cease their efforts to free his 37-year-old son, Edward G. Bremer, from kidnapers holding him for \$200,000 ransom.

St. Paul, Jan. 18 (U.P.).—Edward C. Bremer, 36-year-old bank president and son of a millionaire St. Paul brewer, today was in the hands of kidnapers as relatives and friends sought to obtain his freedom by a payment of \$200,000 ransom.

The ransom money has been raised, the United Press learned, and Bremer's friends were only awaiting word from the abductors. Bremer received a master's degree at George Washington University in 1919.

The abductors, who seized the bank president yesterday morning as he was motoring to work, are depending on classified advertisements in local newspapers to communicate with their victim's family and friends.

Bremer's father, Adolph Bremer, is a friend of President Roosevelt. The fact that his son had been kidnaped first became known at 11 a. m. yesterday when an unidentified person telephoned Walter McGee, a contractor and friend of the abducted man.

"We've got your pal, Ed Bremer," the caller told Magee. "Don't get excited. Go to the back room of your office. You'll find further instructions there. Ed's automobile is out at Dale street reservoir."

Rushing into his back office, Magee found that a note had been left there for him. It instructed him to get \$200,000 and wait. The money, it was stated must be in bills of small denomination, and not bearing consecutive serial numbers.

The note threatened death if the money was not paid.

Magee at once informed the Bremer family.

Bremer's automobile, in which he had driven his only child, Betty, 9, to school yesterday morning, was found in the designated spot.

The note further instructed Magee to insert an advertisement in the Minneapolis Tribune. Today this ad appeared:

"We are ready—Alice."

Bremer's abduction is the sixth major kidnaping in St. Paul in recent years.

Bremer's family are close friends of the Hamm family. William Hamm, Jr., a brewer, reported to

## \$200,000 Offered Banker Kidnapers

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have paid \$100,000 ransom when kidnaped about a year ago. Four Touhy gangsters were acquitted recently on charges of kidnaping him. One committed suicide, and the other three are now on trial in Chicago, charged with kidnaping John Factor.

Police Blame St. Paul Gang.

Since the Hamm abduction unusual police measures have been taken here, and wealthy families have been instructed how to act in such an emergency.

When reports of Bremer's abduction first got out, local newspapers were asked to suppress the news until after 12:30 p. m. today, in order not to interfere with possible negotiations.

The kidnaped man is wealthy, and his father is head of the Jacob Schmidt Brewing Co., and his uncle, Otto Bremer, is president of the American National Bank—one of St. Paul's largest financial institutions. Adolph Bremer is an influential leader in the Democratic party.

Inspector Tierney, the diminutive head of the city's "anti-kidnap squad," believes the kidnaping to be the work of a St. Paul gang.

## Victim Well Known Here.

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Joseph J. Keenan, Assistant Attorney General in charge of kidnap prosecutions, told The Post last night that the Bremer family were his "very dear friends."

Prosecutor of Machine Gun Kelly in the Urschell kidnaping in Oklahoma, Keenan has often been threatened with reprisals by gangsters. He would not comment last night on any suggestion that the latest move on the kidnaping front had the effect of a slap at him.

Mr. Keenan, who handled Government prosecution of the Hamm kidnaping case in St. Paul, said he was closely acquainted with Otto Bremer, prominent Minnesotan and uncle of the kidnaped man, and with the father of Edward Bremer.

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## \$200,000 TO BE PAID KIDNAPERS BY BREMERS

Father of St. Paul Banker Dealing With Gang; Police Are Called Off the Case

ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 19 (I.N.S.).—Heeding the fearful plea of the missing man's aged father, authorities today suspended their search for the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, 37, wealthy banker, to give intermediaries free rein in arranging the \$200,000 ransom payment demanded.

Federal Department of Justice operatives and police reluctantly obeyed the request of Adolph Bremer, the father, who asked that they "make no move that would endanger Edward's life."

### Ready to Pay Sum

The elder Bremer, a leader in Minnesota democracy and a personal friend of President Roosevelt, is part owner of the Jacob Schmidt Brewing Company here. The Bremer family is one of the wealthiest in St. Paul.

Bremer's request was regarded as a definite indication that negotiators had established definite contact with the kidnaping gang and that payment of the staggering ransom was imminent.

The younger Bremer received a master's degree at George Washington University in Washington, D. C., in 1919.

An invalid, the elder Bremer was keeping an almost ceaseless vigil at his spacious home here, accompanied by his daughter, Miss Louise Bremer.

### Agents on the Scene

Department of Justice agents, hurriedly dispatched here when the kidnaping was disclosed, augmented the force of city police and sleuths of the State Department of Criminal Apprehension.

Proof that the Bremer family was ready and willing to pay them ransom was contained in a brief classified advertisement carried in a Minneapolis daily paper, which read:

"We are ready. Allee."

### Seized Near School

Bremer was seized Wednesday morning while returning from the Summit Elementary School, where he had taken his 8-year-old daughter, Betty.

At noon a mysterious telephone call was made to Walter Magee, prominent contractor and close friend of the missing man. The voice informed Magee that Bremer had been kidnaped.

Told by the mysterious caller that a note would be found on the rear steps of his office, Magee found a crudely typewritten missive which bore Bremer's signature.

The kidnapers instructed Magee to furnish the ransom money in bills of used currency, of \$5, \$10 and \$20 denominations not of consecutive serial numbers. They were to be wrapped up in a cardboard box, the note said.

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# President of Bank Held by Kidnapers; \$200,000 Sought

Friend of St. Paul Brewer's  
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turned.

May 2, 1933—Peggy McMath at  
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turned May 5, 1933.

May 27, 1933—Mary McElroy at  
Kansas City, \$30,000 paid, returned  
next day.

June 15, 1933—William Hamm, Jr.,  
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July 1, 1933—John Factor at Chi-  
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July 7, 1933—John J. O'Connell,  
Jr., at Albany, N. Y., \$250,000 de-  
manded, 40,000 paid, returned July  
30, 1933.

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Alton, Ill., returned July 16, 1933.

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#### Hamm Held for \$100,000

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Mr. Hamm, too, was a brewer and also the son of a banker.

News of the Hamm kidnaping was received by telephone by William W. Dunn, manager of the Hamm Brewing Company of St. Paul, of which Mr. Hamm is president and treasurer.

"We have kidnaped Mr. Hamm," said the voice on the telephone; "You will hear from us later."

The next day Mr. Dunn received a threatening letter demanding \$100,000 and informing him that Mr. Hamm would be killed if the ransom was not forthcoming.

Attached was a postscript in Mr. Hamm's handwriting urging immediate payment.

Negotiations lasted four days, at the end of which, on June 19, Mr. Hamm was released. It was reported the full \$100,000 ransom had been paid for his freedom.

On August 12, Roger Touhy and three others were indicted for the kidnaping under the so-called "Lindbergh law."

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## BANK PRESIDENT HELD FOR \$200,000 RANSOM

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# ABDUCTORS ASK \$200,000 FOR BANKER'S LIFE

*Phila. Eve. Ledger*  
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"Well, we've got your friend,  
Bremer, and if you are not careful,  
we'll get you, too," said the call to  
Magee.

The unidentified speaker warned  
Magee that Bremer would be killed

if any effort were made to call in  
the police or communicate with the  
newspapers.

The note, typed and signed by the  
kidnaped man in a shaky hand,  
said Bremer was held captive in a  
safe place, and demanded a \$200,000  
ransom for his return, the money  
to be paid in old \$5, \$10 and \$20 bills  
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## KIDNAPERS DEMAND \$200,000 RANSOM

Edward G. Bremer, Banker  
and Son of Brewer, Taken  
at St. Paul.

By the Associated Press.

ST. PAUL, January 18.—Kidnapers demanding \$200,000 ransom yesterday abducted Edward G. Bremer, son of Adolph Bremer, wealthy St. Paul brewer and prominent Democrat of Minnesota, the police said today.

The 37-year-old president of the Commercial State Bank was picked up by several men between 8:15 and 10 a.m. Wednesday upon his return from Chicago. The police and members of the Bremer family refused to discuss the case.

Abduction of Bremer, whose father owns a controlling interest in the Jacob Schmidt Brewing Co., followed by seven months the kidnaping of William Hamm, jr., millionaire president of the Theodore Hamm Brewing Co., who paid \$100,000 for his freedom last June.

Otto Bremer, chairman of the board and Minnesota manager of the Home Owners' Loan Corporation, is an uncle of the missing man, who was seized after taking his 8-year-old daughter, Betty, to the Summit grade school.

Bremer presumably started for the bank after leaving his daughter. He did not reach there, the kidnapers apparently stopping his automobile and taking both him and the car.

The next heard of him was an anonymous telephone call to Walter W. Magee, wealthy contractor, from a man speaking in a low voice. Magee was told the Bremer car could be found in the Highland Park district of St. Paul and there was a note on the back doorstep of Magee's home.

Magee attempted to prolong the conversation, so the call might be traced, but the unidentified person suddenly hung up.

At home, Magee found a typewritten note addressed to "Charles Magee" and signed in ink with a shaky hand. The missive gave Magee instructions for contacting the kidnapers, but the contents were not made public.

Bremer's automobile later was found about a mile from where the abductors told Magee to look.

The younger Bremer is a graduate of George Washington University, holding bachelor of laws and a master's degree.

He was married 10 years ago. The couple has one child. Besides his father, there are another son and three sisters in the Adolph Bremer family.

The ransom demanded for Bremer's release matched that asked in the Urschel abduction in Oklahoma. The kidnaping followed the recent acquittal of Roger Touhy and three co-defendants of kidnaping Hamm. They now are on trial in Chicago, charged with kidnaping John Factor.

St. Paul has been the scene of four other abductions in the last two and a half years, kidnappings having mulcted their victims of \$128,400 of the \$310,000 ransom demanded.

Of about 20 suspects in the four cases, 8 have been convicted. Other victims here were Leon Gleckman, finance company head; Morris Rutman, dress shop owner, and Haskell Bohn, youthful son of a refrigerator manufacturer.

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# Bremer Gives Two Clues To Help Find Kidnappers

St. Paul, Feb. 9. — (AP) — Three weeks of pain and hunger, punctuated by threats of being chained to the bed in a darkened room by his kidnappers, left Edward G. Bremer still in a state of semi-collapse today.

Pinched by the memory of vicious blows rained upon his head with pistol butts, the 37-year-old banker interrupted the recital of his experiences today by sobbing once, and almost fainting.

Simultaneously, Federal, State and city police were working feverishly to track down the band that Mr. Bremer believes numbered ten or twelve, which collected \$200,000 ransom before his release Wednesday night at Rochester, Minn.

The clues they had to work on are:

Mr. Bremer's ability to identify two of the gang; the two who struck him fifteen or twenty times on the head and face until blood blinded his eyes when they stopped his automobile January 17.

His memory of the wallpaper design on the room in which he was held prisoner twenty-two days.

Meager details of the ransom payment trip made through Fairbault, Minn., on a lonely road Tuesday night by Walter Magee, wealthy contractor friend and intermediary, and the strange car the gang placed at his disposal for the trip.

Mr. Magee's trip and payment of the ransom ended Mr. Bremer's twenty-two-day imprisonment; ultimately it left him blindfolded and weak on a dark Rochester street, where he walked circles for a while to accustom himself once more to locomotion so he would not stagger.

## Physician Reassures Him

Barely had he commenced a recital of his experiences with Dr. H. T. Nippert, personal friend and physician at his side, than his voice trembled; tears welled into his eyes and he raised a hand to his head. He had just told how, after leaving his 8-year-old daughter, Betty, at

the exclusive Summit Girls School, his car was blocked when he stopped for an arterial highway. Dr. Nippert cheered the erstwhile captive by assuring him "this will be very brief."

Regaining his composure and drying his eyes with a handkerchief, Mr. Bremer told how two men rained blows upon him, causing blood to run into his eyes when they invaded his automobile at the point of pistols, warning him: "Don't move or I'll kill you."

When one man opened one door of the car Mr. Bremer stuck out his leg to prevent the closing of it, the gangster slammed the door on his leg above the knee. It is still bruised and during his captivity stiffened.

After being slugged he was taken for a ride of 15 minutes, then blindfolded with goggles and transferred to another car. Later, the gang stopped and the banker "signed some notes."

"I was awfully cold so I asked if I could walk up and down. They walked up and down with me then so I could warm up."

## Taken to Home and Blindfolded

The journey was resumed, Mr. Bremer recounted, and he finally was taken to a house where his head wounds were washed and he was blindfolded with bandages.

The next day "I sat on a chair until I imagine it was time to go to bed and I was put to bed," he said, adding that all conversations among his captors were in whispers. On his promise not to look around his blindfold was removed the next day but guards were stationed behind him all the time.

"Some days eats were hard to get because I did not eat. I was allowed to sit until I could not sit any longer and then placed in bed. That routine kept on all the time I was in the room. I was told that unless I behaved I would be chained to the bed. After the first week my leg that was hurt went out on me, and I could not walk the entire week, and they sort of pulled me into the bathroom."

Dr. Nippert felt his pulse and advised him "better cut the story short." Mr. Bremer placed a hand

to his head and observed, "My head aches."

Finally the hour to release him arrived. Blindfolded, he was again placed in a car and told he would be taken to Rochester. En route a stop was made while some of the gang went out "to find out whether or not the money was marked."

Mr. Bremer obeyed orders upon his release in Rochester on a dark street with the blindfold still over his eyes. He counted up to fifteen slowly, faced about and walked to the bus depot, whence he was supposed to take a bus to St. Paul and go to his father's home without being seen, so "there will be absolutely nothing in the morning paper."

"After the car started again I removed the bandages and I could just make out a light. I turned the right direction and started to walk. I walked around in circles first and then tried to walk straight so that no one would become suspicious by seeing me stagger."

## Freed at 8 P. M.

Mr. Bremer, however, missed the bus at Rochester, took a train to Owatonna and connected with the bus. He managed to reach the home of his father, Adolph Bremer, personal friend of President Roosevelt, without being seen, about midnight Wednesday. He had been freed about 8 P. M.

At the interview Mr. Bremer did not reveal the number of men he believed were in the gang, that point being omitted, it was understood, at the request of authorities.

Other details officers thought might hamper their efforts to round up the band also were omitted. Mr. Bremer, wearing a dressing robe and slippers, was attired in a white shirt, open at the throat. He was pale and wan, quite nervous, upset. He appeared to be ready to collapse.

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